RP teacher faces rape raps in US for sex with student

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Why ARMM has lowest crime rate

NAY, NA-KIDNAP SI TAGPI! ISUSUMBONG KO BA SA PULIS?
WAG NA. KAMI NA ANG BAHALA!

By TJ Burgonio

THE AUTONOMOUS Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) may be beset by kidnappings, clan wars and other forms of lawlessness but, believe it or not, it has the lowest crime

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Abus kill 11 soldiers

4 Jehovah hostages sighted at battle site

By Julie S. Alipala and Ed General
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Eleven soldiers were killed and 26 others were wounded in a clash yesterday morning between Marines and Abu Sayyaf bandits in Patikul, Sulu, according to a military source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Earlier reports reaching the Armed Forces' Southern Command headquarters put the dead at seven and the injured at more than 10. But the source said that the number of those killed had risen to 11 as of 4 p.m. yesterday, and that 26 had been taken to the Sulu provincial hospital for treatment.

At press time, however, Maj. Gen. Glicerio Sua, commander of Task Force Comet, said the reported number of casualties had yet to be confirmed. He said the battle was still raging as of late afternoon.

Southcom chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said the clash started around 7:20 a.m. in the sitio of Kajamak in Barangay Maligay, when members of the 3rd Marine Battalion Landing Team under Lt. Col. Orlando de Leon came upon a large number of Abu Sayyaf bandits under Radulan Sahiron.

During the clash, soldiers reported seeing some of the four female Jehovah's Witnesses members whom the bandits took hostage last Aug. 20, according to Brig. Gen. Romeo Tolentino, vice chief of the Southcom.

There was no mention of the three Indonesian tugboat crewmen whom the bandits are also holding captive.

"We are in the right place because we have penetrated their lair," Carolina told the INQUIRER. "This is going to be messy and we are determined to flush them out, get the hostages and finish the game."

Carolina also said the military was doing all it could to safely rescue the hostages.

Another military source said the bodies of some of the slain soldiers arrived in this city before noon.

"A C-130 from Sanga-Sanga, Tawi-Tawi, will fly to the Jolo airport to get the rest of the casualties," the source

ABUS/ A18

NOT BY BREAD ALONE
"It's still P1, not P1.50 at the usual size," the President says of pan de sal that, next to rice, is the wage earner's staple. Or so she has been assured by flour millers, dealers and bakers at the General Milling Corp. plant in Pasig after meeting with them Saturday. But the P1 price is good only for three more weeks. ***(Story on Page A3.)***
EDWIN BACASMAS

Jordanian terror suspect a PNP asset

By Fe Zamora, *INQ7.net*
and Arlyn dela Cruz, *Contributor*

HE WAS cleared by no less than the chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP) only three days after he was detained as an overstaying alien and on suspicion of his alleged terrorist links.

This may explain why his clearance came quickly.

Palestinian national Mohammad Amin al Ghaffari who holds a Jordanian passport has been identified as an informant of the PNP, a leader of a Muslim civil society group said over the weekend.

And he's no ordinary informant. The PNP issued Ghaffari a Directorate for Intelligence (DI) clearance which is rarely given to police "assets." Only someone with a good record of gathering vital information is issued a DI clearance, a PNP intelligence source told the INQUIRER.

The source added that Ghaffari is detailed with the PNP Foreign Intelligence Liaison Office (FILO), ranked no. 6 and codenamed "Wrangler." His handler was reportedly Supt. Rodolfo "Boogie" Mendoza, then FILO head who's now PNP provincial director in Pampanga.

The source explained that Ghaffari's cover was compromised so the police had to take him into custody to protect him from fellow Muslims he had angered.

It was Ghaffari's information that led policemen to raid a suspected Muslim terrorist lair in

JORDANIAN/ A17

Volunteers, 5 firms bring Christmas in October to PGH

By Armand N. Nocum

IT'S Christmas in October for impoverished kids at the Philippine General Hospital, with five private companies deciding to forego their holiday parties in order to raise funds for life-saving medical equipment and medicines.

The Christmas spirit is likewise alive and well in the volunteers who have responded to the PGH doctors' plea for help on behalf of young patients in desperate need. One of them, known only as Tony, is moved by the memory of the son he lost to meningitis in the 1970s.

According to Dr. Philip Cruz, chief resident of PGH pediatric wards 9 and 11, the five big companies are involved in banking, consumer products and information technology. They requested not to be named so as to make their gesture of goodwill "meaningful."

Cruz admitted to an initial skepticism when the companies' representatives relayed their intentions to him at separate instances.

"I was skeptical, you know," he said. "I, too, love Christmas parties." But the apparent seriousness of their offer restored his waning faith in his countrymen, he said.

Cruz said the expected funds would go toward the purchase of ventilators, incubators,

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INQUIRER LECTURE SERIES

Generation Why: Three things youth can do

By Juliet L. Javellana

"THREE simple things" the youth can do to change politics and bring about good governance:

First, convince people not to vote for action star Fernando Poe Jr. in 2004.

Second, call up radio stations to criticize wrongdoings of government officials because politicians are afraid of the media.

Third, attend barangay assemblies and make their views known.

Also, remind their parents to pay the right taxes.

This was the advice of Solita Monsod, University of the Philippines professor and host of the tv talk show "Debate," to the 400 select students who attended the first INQUIRER Seminar Series on "Generation Why?"

"Convince 19 other people why FPJ should not be it," Monsod said, eliciting laughter from the crowd.

"I will never vote for FPJ and I will campaign violently against (Sen. Panfilo) Ping Lacson," she added, apparently

3 THINGS/ A6

Adopt a school to solve RP education crisis

By Eugenia Duran-Apostol
Founding president
Foundation for Worldwide People Power

EVANGELINE Lourdes "Luli" Arroyo, who has the distinction of being both a presidential granddaughter and a President's daughter, called up an hour before the meeting to say she would attend.

How could she miss this opportunity? She is, after all, the director for operations of the Foundation for Information Technology Education and Development, whose mission is to improve the quality of teaching in public schools.

And the meeting was about the crisis in Philippine basic education.

Other presidential children, patriots all, Rose Laurel Avanceña, Rosie Osmeña Valencia, Ruby Roxas, Mila Magsaysay Valenzuela and Vicky Quirino Delgado are also "naturals" for this education effort because their fathers had somehow all been involved in education and now have schools galore named after them. Tapped to help solve the crisis as members of the task force, these ladies' response was heartening.

Dismal statistics from an Ateneo study: Out of 100 students who enter Grade One, only 66 will finish Grade Six; only 42 will graduate from high school, and only 14 will earn a college degree.

Even worse, only half of elementary school graduates truly understand reading, writing and arithmetic. The same applies to high school graduates. That means college students spend much time on remedial work.

The Foundation for Worldwide People Power (FWWPP) after much deliberation has arrived at a solution to the crisis—and this we are revealing in detail today.

For four months now, the FWWPP has been meeting with concerned and caring teachers and executives to find a way out of the country's deepening problems caused by poverty and ignorance.

We felt very sure there was a way out. We kept hearing in our minds Jose Rizal's words about education being the key to solving poverty.

If that were so, if the solution is to be found in education, should we not focus on the teacher, overworked and underpaid as he/she is? Should we not adopt a teacher to solve our education problem?

It seemed at first like a good solution, until someone pointed out that the idea of holding seminars for teachers from different parts of the country produces only negative results.

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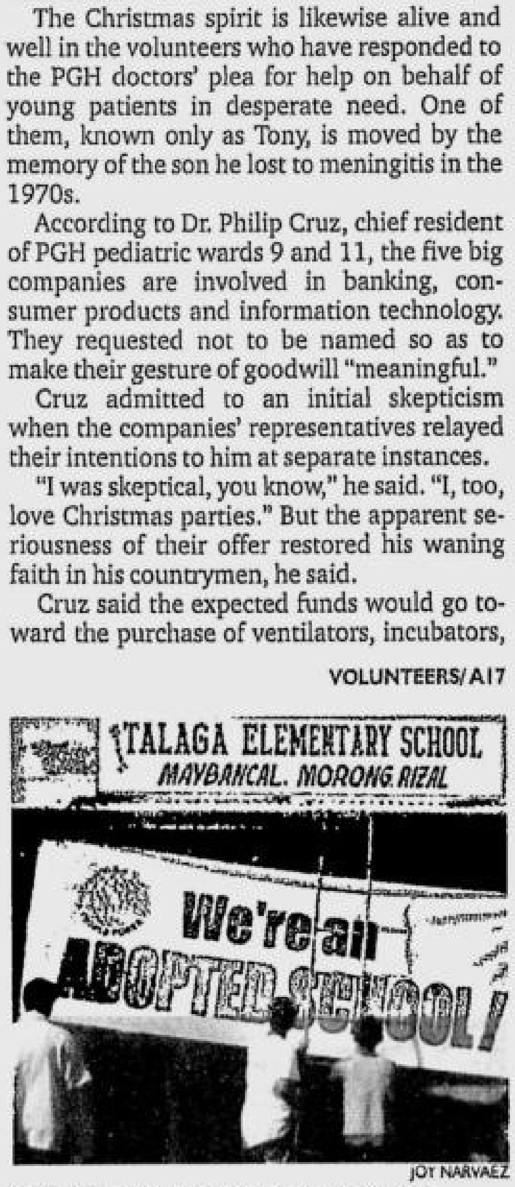

JOY NARVAEZ

THE "Education Revolution" launched yesterday with the movie premier of "Mga Munting Tinig" is off to a good start with its first adopted school in Morong, Rizal.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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200 US Marines arrive for 'Talon' war games

By Tonette Orejas and Jun Malig
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Joint Filipino-American military exercises held since 1999 have "definitely complicated" the peace talks with the communists.

"But," added government peace negotiator Silvestre Bello III, "we in the (government) panel are still of the position that they should pursue the talks," meaning the National Democratic Front, the umbrella of the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army.

As Bello was issuing his statement, some 200 US Marines began arriving at the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport at nearby Clark Field for the two-week "Talon Vision" joint war exercise that begins Monday.

The NDF withdrew from formal peace talks with the government after the Senate in 1999 ratified the Visiting Forces Agreement, which allowed US troops back into the country.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's avowal of support for the US-led international campaign against terrorism also drew strong rebuke from the NDF, which saw the pledge as an impingement of Philippine sovereignty and directed more at revolutionary and progressive forces than on real terrorists.

Jose Ma. Sison, chief NDF political consultant, said the US had been "absolutely wrong" in listing the CPP and NPA as terrorist organizations like the Abu Sayyaf, the Mindanao-based armed rebel group linked to international terror suspect Osama bin Laden.

Joint RP-US war games earlier this year were held in Mindanao instead of Luzon and focused on jungle warfare training ostensibly to catch the jungle-savvy Abu Sayyaf.

"The actions of the US government prejudice... the peace negotiations and throw fuel into the flames of civil war in the Philippines," said Sison in a statement issued here.

But Bello, in his own statement, defended the President's stance, saying that after she supported the US listing of the CPP and NPA as terrorists, she issued a nine-point guideline stating, among other things, that the lines of communication with the communist rebels were still open.

To leftist views that the joint military exercises were meant to pressure the Macapagal administration into moving against militant groups, Bello said: "I don't think our government would allow any external forces to pressure us into doing anything."

"Any foreign government should know that our decisions would always be based on our national interest," he said.

Rafael Baylosis, a member of the NDF reciprocal committee on social and economic reforms, said the joint military exercises under the VFA and the permanent presence of US troops in the country being sought under the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement were part of the total war policy against the CPP-NPA.

"For 30 years, the US has seen the CPP-NPA as the only opposition to its military and economic domination of the Philippines," Baylosis said.

Frank Mangulabnan, chair of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan-Pampanga (Bayan-Pampanga), said the arrival of the US Marines was not really about enhancing the fighting capabilities of American and Filipino soldiers.

"The real targets of the so-called war games are the Filipinos, and the NPA, who are opposed to the global economic interests of the US. The US is prodding the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo, through the military, to escalate the armed conflict to justify direct armed American intervention," Mangulabnan said.

He pointed to the ongoing military and police campaign against armed communist groups in Central and Southern Luzon. The NPA and some CPP splinter groups had attacked government and private installations in those areas, and raided police armories for firearms.

The attacks also killed several policemen and civilians.

"The US, in essence, (will be) challenging the NPA to shoot at its troops in order to justify its war of aggression," he said.

As of Saturday afternoon, 211 US Marines had landed at Clark Field. They brought with them four C-130 cargo planes and six CH-53 Super Stallion and Cobra attack helicopters.

Maj. Allan Ballesteros, public information officer of the 500th Air Base Wing here, said the rest of the US troops will arrive on Monday morning in time for the start of "Talon Vision."

The exercises will be held at the Marine Base Ternate in Cavite, Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, Crow Valley in Capas, Tarlac, and at Clark, the former US air base here, from Oct. 14 to 26.

A US Special Forces soldier in full combat gear keeps a sharp eye on his surroundings on arrival at a Philippine Army base in Tabiawan, Basilan, in this photo taken in February this year.

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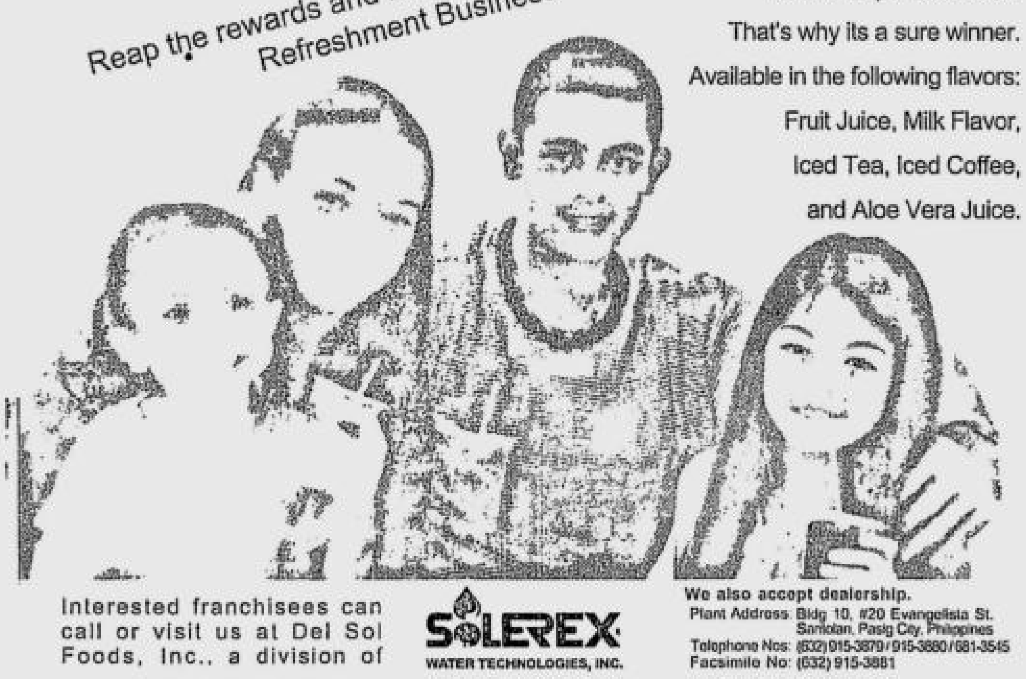

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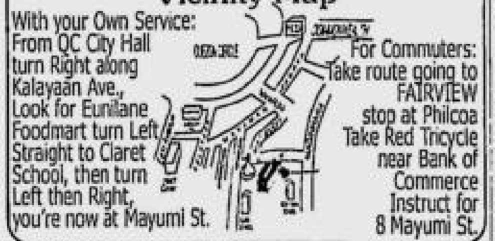
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Pan de sal still at P1 each–for at least 3 more weeks

PAN de sal will continue to sell at P1 each, for at least three more weeks.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday met with flour millers, dealers and bakers at the General Milling Corp. plant in Pasig following media reports of a 50 percent increase in the price of pan de sal.

"They assured me that the problem is not as bad (as it looks)," the President reported. "It's still P1, not P1.50, at the usual size," she said of the bread, which has become a measure of the average wage earner's buying capacity.

Ms Macapagal said the Philippine Association of Flour Millers and the Chamber of Flour Millers Association assured her they would not raise prices until the end of this month, because the country's flour supply was "more than adequate" to meet demands for that length of time.

The Philippine Federation of Bakers Association, which has some 10,000 members nationwide, pledged to keep the price and size of pan de sal unchanged for the same duration, the President said.

Dealers represented by the Philippine Flour Merchants Association also said they would not up the cost of their services.

Flour prices in the domestic market went up in July after last year's dry spell in North America and the floods in Europe, which diminished wheat supply worldwide.

The country's 12 flour milling companies import two million metric tons of wheat a year.

Ms Macapagal said she expected prices to go down this year, with good harvest anticipated in the source countries.

But should another round of price increases appear inevitable, she said, the groups promised to first coordinate with the Department of Trade and Industry.

"They will all assess the situation after October," the President said.

Meanwhile, she warned businessmen against taking advantage of rising oil prices to hoard basic commodities.

She said the DTI was regularly consulting with manufacturers to keep supply and prices stable.

Fuel and LPG prices went up last week following world market rates brought about by the impending US attack on Iraq.

"We are doing all we can to mitigate its impact on the public," the President said. She announced that her priority was holding down transport fares, and added that in case of disruption in the Middle East, the country had enough crude oil supply and alternative sources.

Dona Z. Pazzibugan

4 NPA rebels killed in Pampanga clash, says Nolcom chief

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Four suspected New People's Army rebels were believed killed in a 20-minute fire-fight with government soldiers in Mabalacat, Pampanga, on Thursday night, reports here said.

An Army intelligence agent was wounded in the clash that occurred at 10:30 p.m. near the North Luzon Expressway in Barangay Bikal, Mabalacat.

"We expected there to be dead (rebels) in that clash," said Maj. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, chief of the Army's Northern Luzon Command.

As of Saturday, there was no exact body count but reports reaching Nolcom headquarters in Tarlac and the regional police office here said four rebels had been slain. It was believed their bodies were carried off by their retreating comrades.

Reports said troops of the Army's 69th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Co. clashed with at least 10 rebels belonging to the NPA's southeastern guerrilla front led by Bernardo Bitong, alias Ka Joshua.

The INQUIRER's NPA sources, however, were still trying to determine if any of their units in Pampanga had suffered fatalities in Thursday's encounter.

Wounded in the encounter, the second to occur in Pampanga since last Sunday, was intelligence agent Noel Antonio. He was declared out of danger yesterday.

The first clash last Sunday killed at least five suspected communist rebels belonging to the Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan, a rival of the NPA.

But in a statement, RHB spokesperson Red Olalia said the five men did not belong to any of their units in Pampanga.

Sources said the five men were killed on a tip by a former NPA rebel believed to have links to two Pampanga police sergeants, who had used the victims in criminal activities.

Military offensives against communist rebels continued over the weekend, with Army troops deploying to suspected rebel hideouts in Mabalacat, Magalang and Mexico towns, Garcia said.

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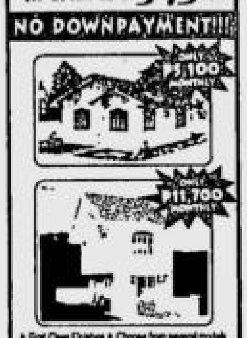

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Is QC back as RP's capital? Gloria says it is

By Agnes E. Donato

HAS Quezon City been renamed the capital of the Philippines?

Speaking at the celebration of Quezon City's 63rd founding anniversary Friday night, President Macapagal-Arroyo twice referred to the city as the country's capital—at the beginning of her address and again toward the end.

Quezon City was the Philippines' capital from the 1950s up to the '60s—during the Quirino administration through the term of President Diosdado Macapagal, the present chief executive's father. It replaced Manila, the historical capital of the country.

But in 1976, after he had been in power for 11 years, then President Ferdinand Marcos declared Manila the capital of the Philippines once again by virtue of Presidential Decree 940.

On Friday, however, Ms Macapagal told Quezon City officials and employees at their celebration at the Celebrity Sports Plaza: "As the country's capital and biggest city, Quezon City plays an important role in the nation's progress. The state of Quezon City reflects the state of the country."

She observed, however, that the state of the country was not good.

"Poverty incidence is highest in Quezon City. So here is my challenge to Mayor Sonny Belmonte—fight off poverty. It will do the country a lot of good if poverty is eradicated in Quezon City," she said.

Based on the May 2000 census, Quezon City's population of 2.173 million is the largest in Metro Manila. The city is also home to at least 158,947 squatter families.

The city government had admitted that the continuous rise in the number of squatters, the great disparity in family income distribution and high unemployment were among its biggest problems.

"To wipe out poverty, what we need is a strong republic. This means strong institutions and effective governance from the national down to the local and bureaucratic levels," Ms Macapagal said, reiterating the call of her State of the Nation Address in July.

Earlier in the ceremony, the President handed out the first Gawad Quezon awards to 10 QC residents, "for their invaluable contribution in the task of enhancing not only the city's growth and development but in propelling the nation to progress."

The awardees were led by former President Corazon Aquino, who was cited for her contributions in the area of government service. Aquino was not able to make it to the celebration, however.

The other awardees were Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, military service; Rosa Rosal, social work; Mel Tiangco, media; former UP president Onofre Corpuz, education; Dr. Reynaldo Punongbayan, science and technology; Justice Milagros German, the judiciary; Dr. Fe del Mundo, medicine; ABS-CBN's Gina Lopez, community service, and chess grandmaster Eugene Torre, sports.

PNP asked: Why are 'retirables' still around?

By TJ Burgonio

WHY are these "retirables" still around?

Some officials are questioning the failure of Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. to follow the system of attrition in the case of star-rank officers, including a mistah of his, who should have been retired months ago after failing to get promoted within the legally prescribed period.

Chief Superintendents Dominador Resos and Romeo Maganto should have been automatically retired from the service on March 25, when they reached their sixth year as first-star generals, the officials said.

The attrition system by nonpromotion in the PNP law places maximum tenure on police personnel holding key positions, from the PNP chief down to the city police director.

According to the system, a first-star general would be retired if he or she fails to get a promotion within six years; a two-star or three-star general, four years; and a three-star general, two years.

"This has not been (followed in the cases of Resos and Maganto). It's a clear violation of the law," said a retired police who asked not to be named.

Resos, Ebdane's classmate at the Philippine Military Academy (Class '70), is the current PNP director for logistics. He will not be retired until June 8 next year.

Maganto was placed on floating status months ago for alleged conduct unbecoming of an officer. His scheduled retirement is March 30, 2004.

Director Virtus Gil, chief of the directorial staff, said a board would soon be formed to decide on the two cases.

Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, national police spokesperson, said he was of the belief that the attrition system required 10 years of non-promotion.

Another official facing attrition is Director Victor Batac, also currently on floating status after he was accused of calling on supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada to attack Malacañang last year.

Extended election period for sailors

By Cynthia D. Balana

MORE than 600,000 Filipinos working on board international shipping lines will have an extended election period to allow them to register and cast their ballots as absentee voters in the 2004 national elections.

Sen. Edgardo Angara, principal author of the absentee voting bill, said the normal 90-day election period will not apply in the case of the seafaring Filipinos because of their highly mobile occupations.

These are the officers and crewmen of international merchant marine vessels, on board giant tankers and cargo ships, as well as the crew and entertainers on luxury cruise lines. The numbers show the Philippines is the biggest exporter of maritime manpower in the world.

The seagoing Filipinos will be allowed to designate forwarding addresses where ballots could be sent by the Commission on Elections, Angara said.

The filled ballots could then be mailed to a Philippine Embassy or consulate to be counted.

Angara said the unique situation of the sea-bound Pinoys was considered by the senators when they deliberated on the absentee voting bill.

2nd Rosary Congress today

THE SECOND National Rosary Congress of the Philippines will be held today, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Paul College in Pasig City.

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TALK AND FIGHT

Gov't drafting 'final peace document' to end rebellion

By TJ Burgonio

THE GOVERNMENT may be drafting a "final peace document" aimed at ending the 34-year-old communist insurgency, but it is not stopping the military from mounting offensives against the rebels.

"We'll continue with our offensives and pursuit operations in areas where there is a large concentration of NPA (New People's Army) rebels," said military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion.

This will deter the NPA from conducting daring attacks on police precincts, military detachments and vital installations, as it has done in the past weeks, he said in a phone interview.

He added that the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police remained "vigilant" for NPA attacks.

Purificacion also said the rebels should "stop their attacks" if they wanted to thresh out "touchy issues" once the draft of the planned peace document was completed.

"If they're willing to negotiate, they should show sincerity by stopping their attacks," he said.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said Friday that an inter-agency committee was drafting a "final peace document" to end the insurgency as well as the fruitless 10-year talks between the government and the communists.

Reyes described the document as wholistic, and said it would address the political, socio-economic and historical causes of the insurgency. And unless the rebels agree to the terms, he said, the insurgency war would continue.

But in Lucena City, the spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines yesterday belittled Reyes' "make or break" warning.

Gregorio Rosal also said Reyes' insistence on ending peace negotiations with the communist-led National Democratic Front—contrary to the position of government peace panel chair Silvestre Bello III—"only stressed Reyes' leading role in the formation of the war-freak mentality" of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Rosal also said the administration was "being held hostage by the 'hawks,' or the militarist clique led by Reyes."

The government suspended talks with the NDF following the assassination of former legislators in the run-up to the national elections in May 2001.

Rosal also scoffed at Foreign Secretary Blas Ople's effort to convince the European community to declare the CPP-NPA as a terrorist organization.

"It's bound to fail," Rosal said. "The European leaders are more liberal in their thinking compared to US President George W. Bush and his No. 1 puppet, Ms Macapagal. Nothing will come out of it. Ople is just wasting the people's money."

In Manila, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said the President should not heed Reyes' contention that the peace talks were "useless."

"My basic position is: It's always better to talk than shoot it out with the rebels," Pimentel said. "If you bring them to the bargaining table, that's always better than fighting them in the battlefield."

Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta said both sides must show sincerity in pursuing a peaceful alternative.

Oreta said a hard-line stance meant that Malacañang would be disregarding the peace efforts undertaken by the Aquino, Ramos and Estrada administrations.

"An all-out war against insurgents could force more children in rebel-infested areas into the battlefields," she said.

In Legazpi City, Sen. Loren Legarda said the administration should extend the olive branch to the insurgents.

She said it should not lump the CPP-NPA together with the Abu Sayyaf, "a band of murderous bandits," under the "terrorist" label because it would hamper the resumption of the peace talks.

"I fully support the resumption of the peace talks, but both parties should make positive moves toward the negotiating table," she added. *With reports from Cynthia D. Balana in Manila and Delfin T. Mallari Jr. and Roly Casim Embile, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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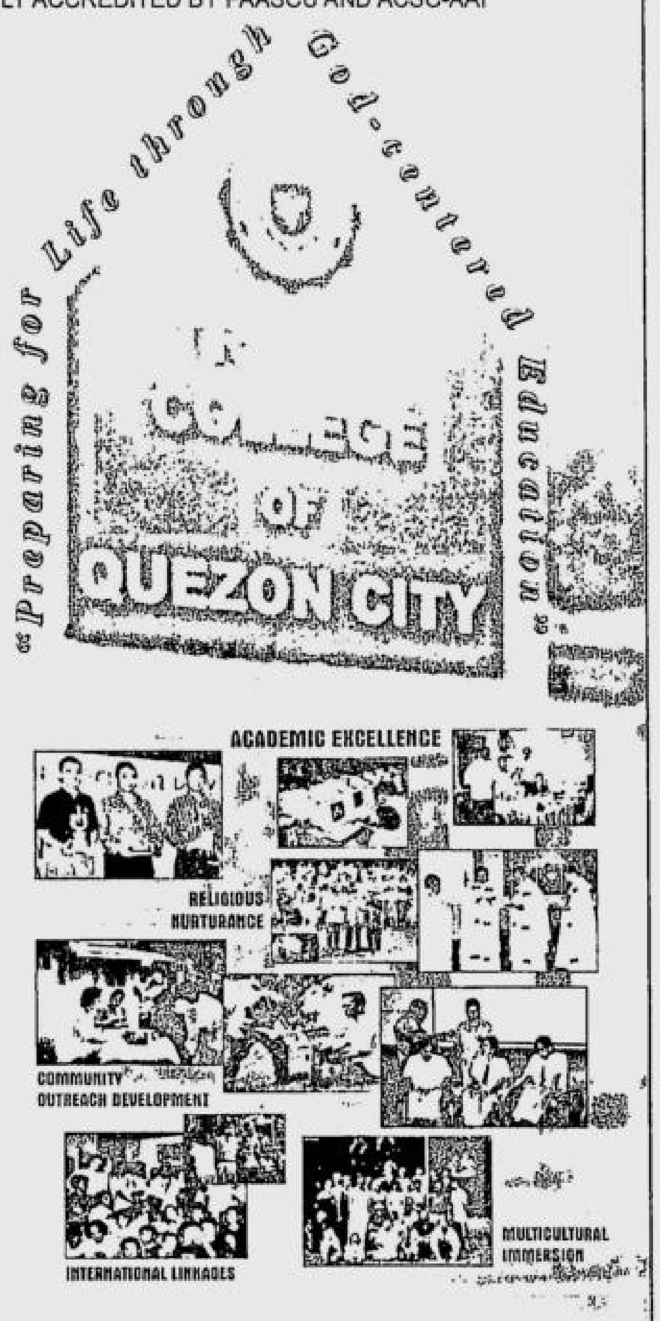

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Dialogue best way, UK envoy urges ARMM

COTABATO CITY—Dialogue is the best way to foster harmony in war-torn areas, the British Ambassador to the Philippines told officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on Thursday.

Paul Dimond, who met with ARMM Gov. Parouk Hussin here, said inter-faith dialogues could lead people in the region to understand the intricacies of each other's cultural and religious practices.

At the same time, he asked the media to focus on the tangible accomplishments of the government and non-government organizations involved in various socio-economic projects in the South.

Dimond said the factual and prompt dissemination of reports on successes in business and peace building is vital to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and preservation of unity of the people here.

Hussin acknowledged the importance of inter-faith convergence among the region's culturally diverse people and said this is apparent in the way projects are being distributed.

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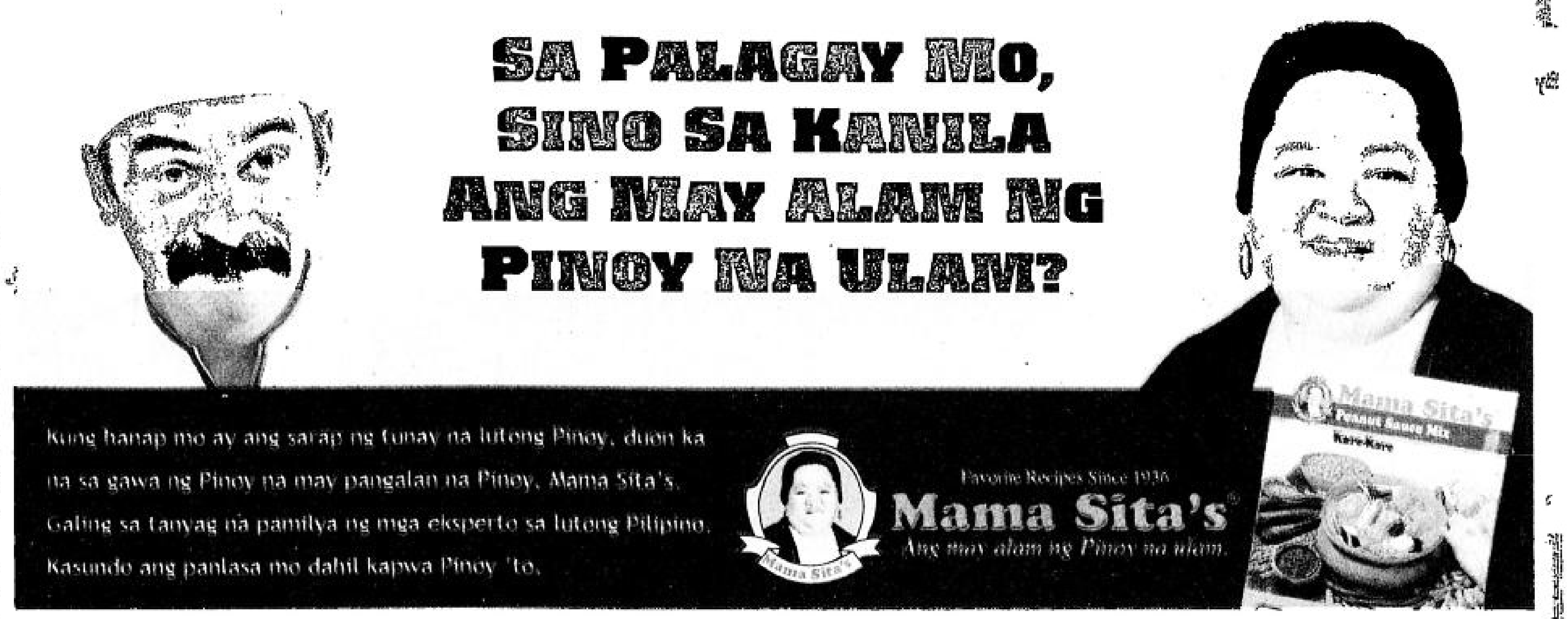

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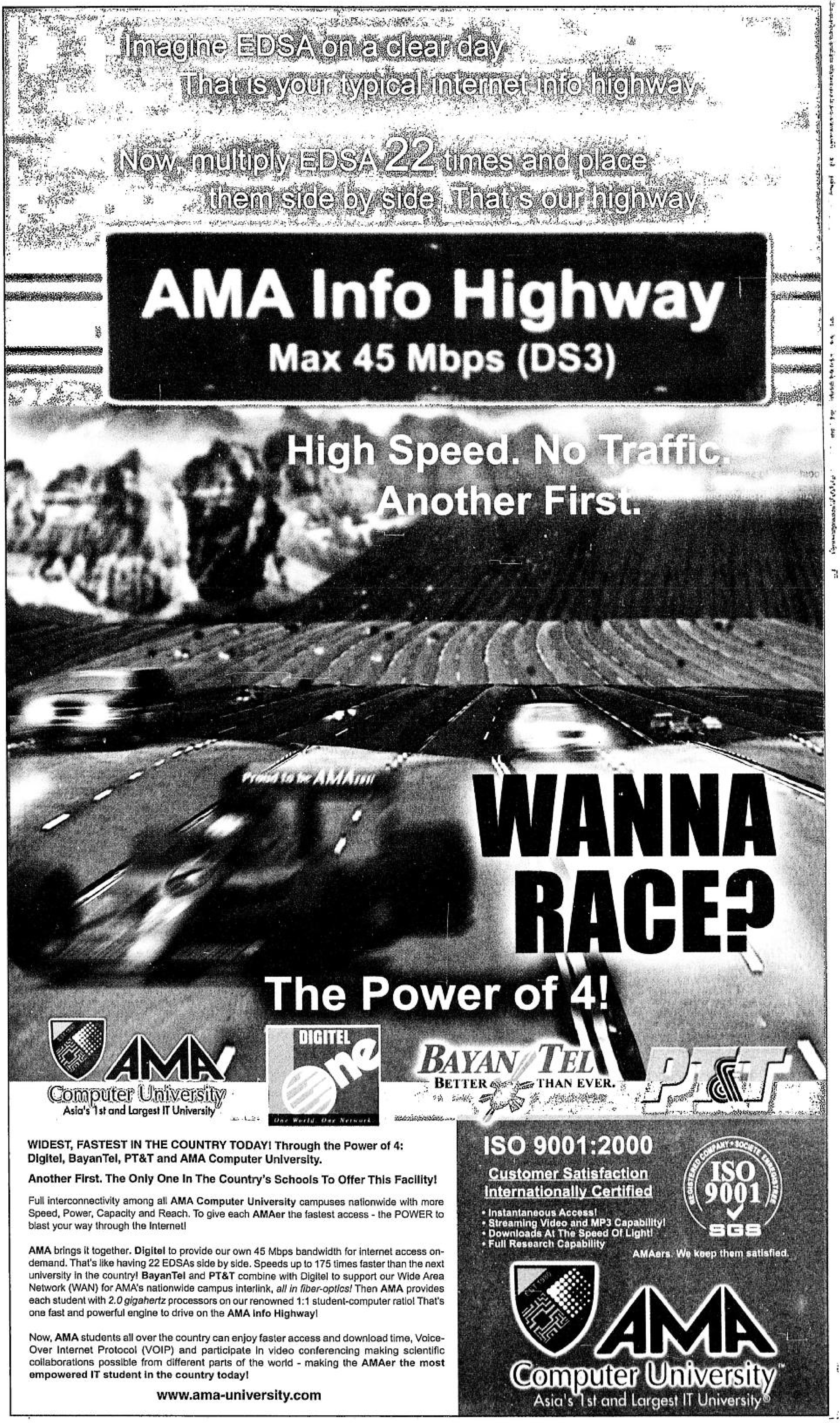

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3 things youth can do, according to Mareng Winnie

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referring to speculations that Poe and Lacson were teaming up for the 2004 presidential election.

Monsod's advice was just one of the ideas expounded during yesterday's first installment of the seminar series dubbed "Identity of the Youth in a Changing Philippines." Aside from an exchange of ideas, there was also a frank and witty examination of the conscience of the students and some of the country's most outspoken leaders.

Monsod and Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri, who declared that the youth are apathetic to politics because of the "absence of an inspiring leader," spoke during one of two simultaneous workshops during the morning session. Their topic was "What's the point? Have young Filipinos become apathetic towards politics?"

INQUIRER columnist Conrado de Quiros, who spoke during one of two workshops in the afternoon urged the students not to lose their idealism.

"For it is your idealism that will drive you to turn something into reality, to do something heroic," De Quiros said.

The students, who were chosen from among 800 who listed up for the seminar held at the University of Asia and the Pacific, were enthusiastic and asked questions ranging from the simple to the thought-provoking. They took notes, laughed and clapped and milled around the speakers even when it was past lunchtime.

Be heard, get involved

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez set the tone for the seminar by urging the youth to let their voices be heard and to get involved in society. She said the seminar series aims to help the young generation define their role in the socio-political landscape.

"There is a common misconception that the youth today do not care about society. Judging by your faces and the number of students in this auditorium today, I know that to be untrue," she said in her keynote speech.

Romualdez said the seminar was also being held to harness the reading habits of the young and help shape them into effective leaders who can bring positive and permanent change to the country.

"An informed citizenry makes the best decisions and our country cannot afford any more disastrous mistakes," she said.

It is in reading news and opinions, she said, that people can learn to be critical, alert and perceptive of issues in society.

Disgusted, not apathetic

During her discussion, Monsod noted that the youth were not apathetic but disgusted with politicians. But the public has the power of its vote to make things happen.

"We get the government that we deserve," she pointed out.

"How many of you call up the radio stations? If one hundred of you call up to say Congressman Zubiri made a very stupid statement in Congress, he will never say that again," Monsod said.

Zubiri lived up to his image as a member of the Estrada-nemesis "Spice Boys" of Congress.

He said the "vacuum of inspiring leaders in the country today" make the Filipinos a lost and listless race.

"We need the human equivalent of a North Star. We need a Moses in our midst, not necessarily to shepherd us to the land of milk and honey, but to a place that is just safe and clean," he said.

He said Filipinos needed a leader who could assure them of a bright future and many good jobs and promising careers in the land of their birth.

Zubiri said there was a feeling of national hopelessness and despair, with the ballooning deficit, lawlessness and unemployment, criminality, rising prices and corruption in government. This results in a "politics fatigue" that is manifested by a people who would rather discuss the latest cell phone with a built-in camera than the absentee voting bill in Congress.

"Not a squeak was heard from us when a mother of seven choked her two kids to death because she could no longer bear their wailing for food. Yet, rivers of tears flowed into the gutters of campuses that missed the basketball championships," he said.

He noted that no big rally was staged to condemn the most expensive road that ironically was named after a frugal man.

Zubiri was referring to the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard which was exposed in an INQUIRER story to be overpriced by P600 million.

Bad reputation

Unfortunately, Zubiri confessed, Congress is not in a position to supply the inspiring leadership. He said it was a bad time to be a politician because of the "bad reputation congressmen are getting nowadays."

He said that for single congressmen like him, introducing themselves as politicians to prospective partners is worse than admitting to be a son of terror leader Osama Bin Laden.

During the open forum, Bastiaan van de Looo, a student from University of Leiden in the Netherlands, asked how presidential candidates who spend P8 billion to get elected president could perform honestly without being indebted to business tycoons.

Zubiri then disclosed that when he was a newly elected congressmen, contractors offered him a 20-percent commission for his pork barrel projects, or P2 million of a P10 million project.

"The temptation is so great," he said.

Zubiri said his salary of P35,000 a month is barely enough to give to the many people who seek his help for medicines, burial and other matters.

When Delfin Delfin of the University of Sto. Tomas asked if he was willing to forego his salary, Zubiri said he did just that the other day when he spent for the fare of 20 of his constituents who were gypped in Manila.

Making yourself heard

Rae Rivera, a student of the University of the Philippines Diliman, said there was a need for government to set up an agency through which the youth could be better heard. She said it appeared that the government was "not willing to hear us."

Monsod replied that the youth could make themselves heard through text messages and by getting involved in their own communities and schools.

"If we just clean up our barangay, that's big stuff because it goes all the way to the top," Monsod said.

Nicky Yu of Leyte College asked when the government would start collecting taxes from the Church so that there will be no budget deficit.

Monsod replied: "Why not? So why don't we start the ball rolling? The bottom line is don't just sit there, do something."

INQUIRER president Prieto-Romualdez said the views of the youth are welcome in the INQUIRER and its website with GMA-7, www.inq7.net.

"Do write us and get involved," she said.

'Truly inspiring'

Vincent Angeles of the University of Asia and the Pacific found Monsod's discussion "truly inspiring."

"I learned that we should not just find fault with the government but to actually take part in our own little circle—the family, the university, the community rather than tackling the whole country at once," Angeles said after the forum.

Pocholo Gonzales of UP Diliman drew his inspiration from Zubiri, saying the congressman's talk showed that he was "not 'plastic' and cares about the youth very much."

Isaiah Lugtu of Adamson University said she was very inspired by Romualdez's talk about the importance of reading.

"I love books, but after hearing her speech I will love reading more," Lugtu said.

Josephine Alcalde, also of Adamson, said she skipped an outing to attend the seminar and that she was not disappointed.

Raiza Cusi of the Philippine Women's University was all agog about Monsod and Zubiri and said she was "enlightened by a mile."

RJ de Guzman of San Beda College found the forum very informative and inspiring.

"I found hope," said Randy Herrera, also of San Beda.

More to come

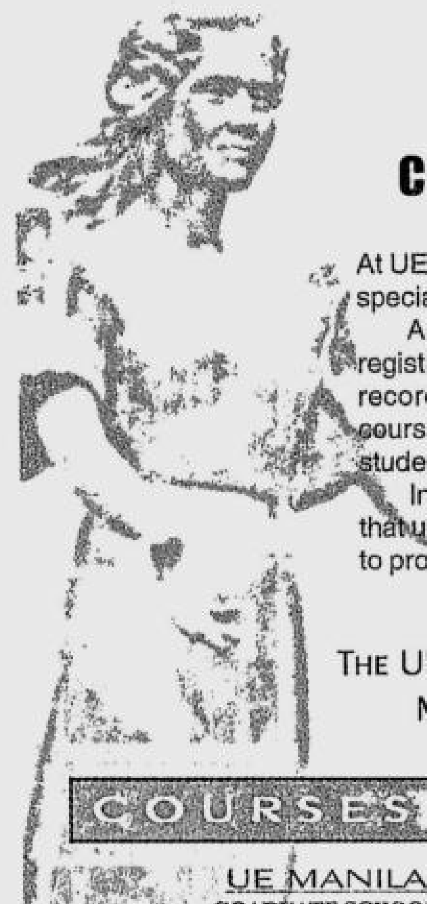
The seminar is a joint project of the INQUIRER and the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations of the Ateneo de Manila University, University of the Philippines and UA&P.

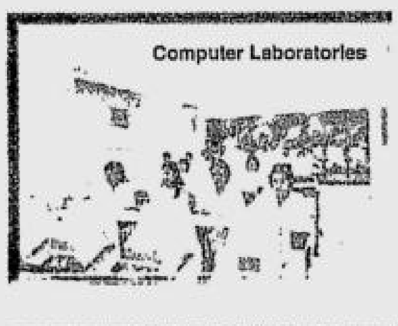
GMA-7 co-sponsored the event's sponsors.

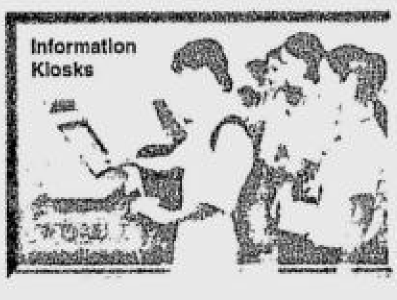
Bernadette Sembrano of GMA-7 and TJ Manotoc hosted the seminar.

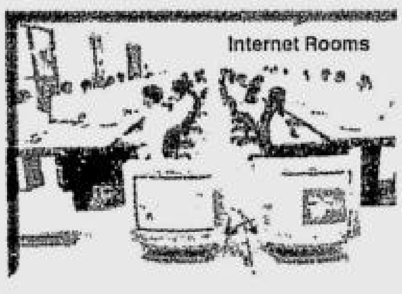
The other workshop during the morning session was conducted by Emily Abrera, president of McCann-Erikson Philippines, and writer Jessica Zafra. They discussed the topic: "Youth consumerism: Is youth culture being manufactured by business?"

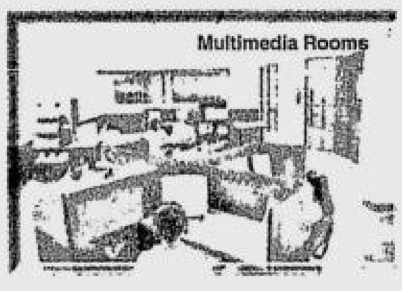
The afternoon workshops had former Education Secretary Raul Roco speaking on a topic close to his heart: "Beyond four walls: Will the youth's education today work for them tomorrow?" Also speaking during that session was Amado Mendoza, associate professor of political science in UP.

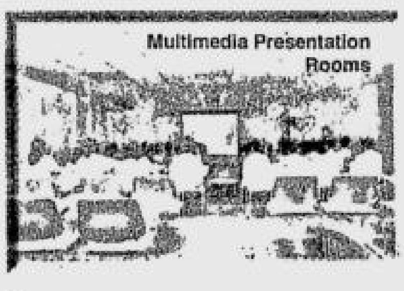












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The reason? Many crimes go unreported because residents prefer to "settle" things among themselves.

Philippine National Police chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. said that in general, ARMM residents settle crimes—particularly those against persons and property—among themselves rather than report these to the nearest police station.

"They act on the case and patch it up peacefully or violently," he told INQUIRER editors recently.

Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao comprise the ARMM.

Based on PNP records, the ARMM has the lowest volume of index crimes (murder, homicide, physical injury, rape, theft and robbery) and non-index crimes (drug use, drug trafficking) of the country's 16 regions during the first six months this year.

As of June 30, crimes reported in the ARMM totaled only 325, including 243 index crimes and 82 non-index crimes.

The region recorded a high solution rate of 81.85 percent.

The only two other regions with a three-figure crime volume were Caraga (571) and the Cordillera Administrative Region (935). The rest recorded more than 1,000 crime incidents, with Metro Manila posting the highest crime volume of 9,579.

Civilian cooperation

Ebdane, who marked his 100 days in office yesterday, said he considered "gaining the full cooperation of the community" in the anti-crime drive as his best accomplishment so far as PNP chief.

"We are receiving more information from the public. Crime reporting has improved a lot. It's almost 100 percent," he said. "I think the public has more trust and confidence in the PNP now."

Ebdane reiterated this during a command conference in Camp Crame last Thursday where he noted how the PNP was able to develop "the growing awareness and cooperation of the public."

"It's just a matter of following it up," he said.

But Ebdane admitted that negative public perception, not kidnapping and stepped up attacks of communist rebels, remains the PNP's most daunting problem.

"The problem that we are trying to solve now is the perception problem. We hope that the perception problem will eventually be solved," he said.

Asked how he intended to address this, Ebdane said: "First we admit that we have a problem and then we find out what can be done."

Fearless projection

Ebdane, in his recent meeting with INQUIRER editors, said he remained confident of his earlier projection that the remaining 15 kidnap-for-ransom groups would be wiped out by year-end.

"It's still doable especially if the criminals become remorseful and turn away from their illicit activities," he said.

So far, the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) unit has neutralized six of the 21 kidnap-for-ransom groups in the PNP watchlist. Pacer has also been credited by the Chinese-Filipino community for bringing down the number of kidnapping incidents from July to September.

RP asking friendly nations to freeze Red funds, says Ople

By Norman Bordadora

FOREIGN Affairs Secretary Blas Ople has asked all countries friendly to the Philippines to block funding to the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army, as well as freeze the rebels' assets in their respective territories.

In a speech before the World Economic Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last week, Ople told international business leaders that the CPP-NPA was one of the two main terrorist threats in the Philippines.

"The Philippine government is appealing to all friendly governments throughout the world to join the US, Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom in cutting off funding and freezing the accounts of the CPP-NPA in their respective jurisdictions," Ople said.

The other threat, he told conference participants, was the Abu Sayyaf group, known for kidnapping foreigners to exchange for millions of dollars in ransom and believed to have links to the al-Qaida international terror network of Osama bin Laden.

"The war against terror in the Philippines is being fought on two major fronts," Ople said.

Ople's speech before the international summit was released by the Department of Foreign Affairs in the wake of the Philippines' high-level campaign to have the CPP-NPA declared a foreign terrorist organization by as many nations as possible.

Ople left for Europe again yesterday, where he is expected to meet with leaders of Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

"(The CPP-NPA) has proudly owned responsibility for the assassination of elected political leaders and businessmen whom they had tagged as the class enemy," Ople said.

"Philippine intelligence has also obtained evidence that the CPP-NPA routinely enters into tactical alliances with the Muslim separatist rebels. Indeed, they have sent agents to Indonesia in the guise of human rights groups to help organize some of the most violent demonstrations in Jakarta," Ople said.

But the CPP yesterday condemned the circulation of a "secret dossier" by Ople among the member-countries of the European Union.

Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, CPP spokesperson, challenged Ople to reveal the contents of the dossier, which purportedly proves that the CPP and NPA are "terrorists." *With Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

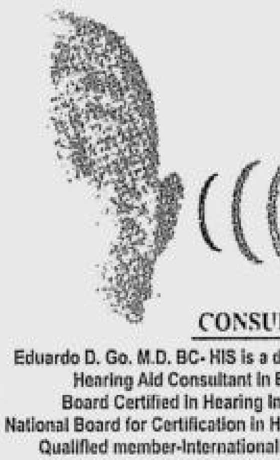
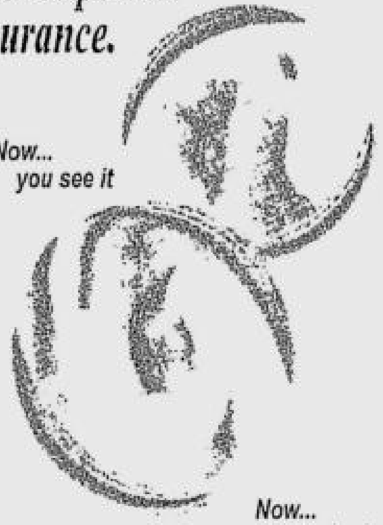
Sulu solon says Sabaya still alive

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The nagging question of whether Abu Sabaya is really dead resurfaced Friday when Sulu Rep. Hussin Amin said the Abu Sayyaf spokesperson was "still alive."

Amin sought to negate the military's contention that Sabaya was killed in an clash with military forces on June 21. "If you are a resident of Sulu, you will feel that Sabaya is still alive," he said.

But Armed Forces chief Gen. Benjamin Defensor Jr. said the lawmaker should produce Sabaya to prove that the bandit leader was truly alive.

"As far as the Armed Forces is concerned, Sabaya was killed in the encounter," said Defensor, who was a visitor here. *Geraldford P. Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*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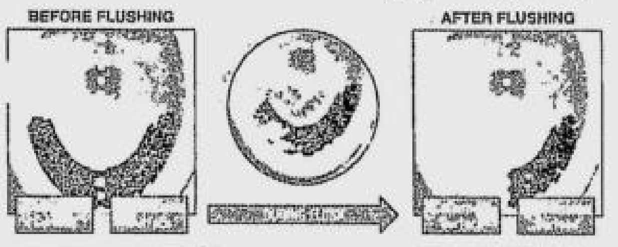

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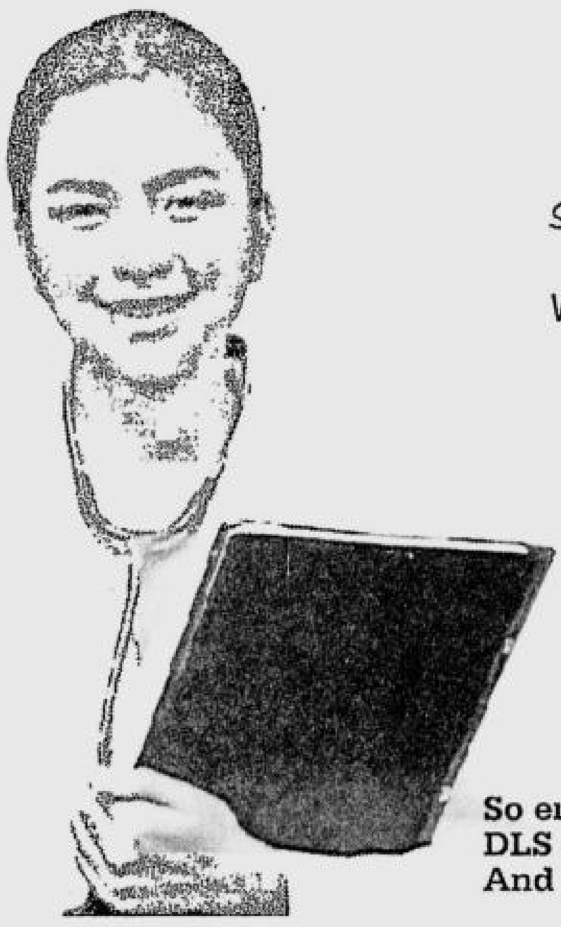
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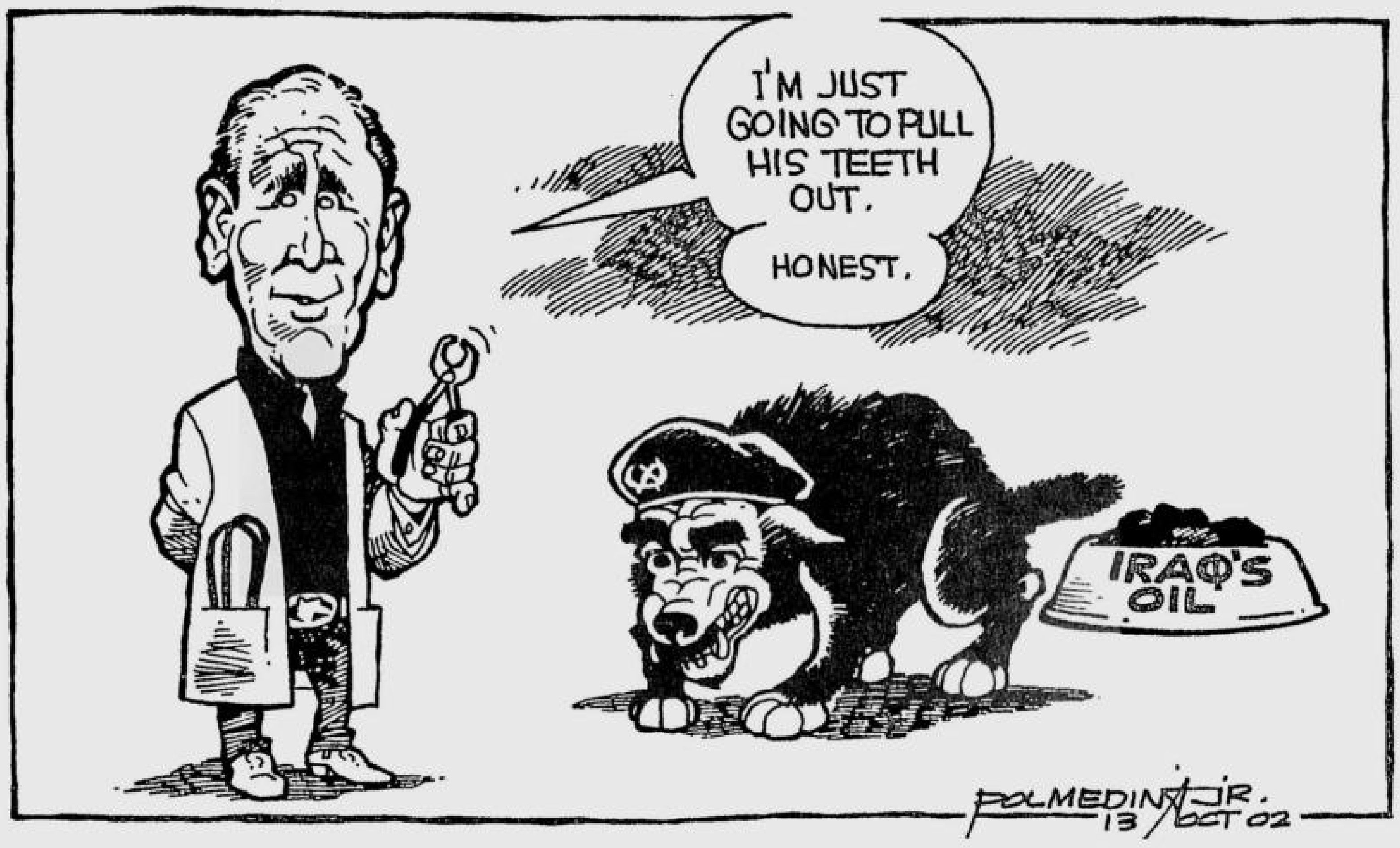

Plenty

EDITORIAL

THE PRESIDENT'S hesitant reply to last Wednesday's impertinent question about her sex life was rather theatrical—but in the Shakespearean sense. It firmly held a mirror up to nature. In this case, the ill nature of the President's critics.

The sorry episode deserves a closer look, then, not because of the vexing question, or even the President's problematic answer, but because of the abysmal quality of the criticism that came after. The incident and its all-too-predictable aftermath thus force us to revisit the role that criticism plays in democratic discourse.

"Plenty of sex, very little work," a suddenly straitlaced Sen. Panfilo Lacson said on Thursday. "No wonder our country is going nowhere." This comment is not only illogical; it is also gratuitous. It runs against common knowledge: even hard-core opposition members acknowledge President Macapagal-Arroyo's impressive work habits. It is also based on an obviously false assumption: that the personal life of the country's chief executive depends on the state of the economy. (In which case, Lacson is happy to imply, the President is doomed to endure a monastic existence.)

But where the former national police chief turned presidential hopeful made a virtue of innuendo, the so-called running priest, Fr. Robert Reyes, committed a cardinal sin: he issued categorical statements about something he knew next to nothing about. Where Lacson merely hinted at the connection between the President's sex life and, say, the gross national product, Reyes explicitly declared: "Productivity as President has nothing to do with sex life... It does not follow that if you have a lot of sex, you have lots of accomplishments."

Reyes, who was in a spiritual retreat for parish priests when reached for comment, also said: "Look at us priests. Celibacy makes us more productive." Evidently, Reyes needed that retreat. In fact, it is obvious he needs a refresher course in theology as well, because he blithely mistakes the state of grace becoming to priests and religious for that of the married laity. Does he mean to say that everyone, but everyone, must be celibate in order to be productive? And how did productivity even enter the picture? The President was asked one stand-alone question; nothing preceded it (in fact, there was no precedent for it), and nothing followed it. The notion that Ms Macapagal linked sex and productivity, as if it were a personal triumph, is an imaginative feat, the product of Reyes' idle workshop.

Another critic was even more imaginative. Indeed, Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Crispin Beltran taxed his imagination so hard he forgot the facts in the first place. The curmudgeonly labor leader declared that he did not find the President beautiful, sexy or appealing.

"In my book," an apparently unprompted Beltran said, "a woman is beautiful and sexy when she is sincere in working for the good of the common people..." and so on, ad nauseam.

But (and how do we say this delicately), the President did not ask to be viewed as sexy or appealing. She merely answered a damned-if-you-do-damned-if-you-don't question. Where Beltran got his notion only his "book" can tell us.

The unsexy truth is that Lacson, Reyes and Beltran fairly represent the range of critical opinion and public discourse in the country. The fact that none of them could make an informed, intelligent comment about an admittedly small issue bodes ill for our struggling democracy.

The essence of democratic discussion is summed up in Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.'s famous "marketplace of ideas." The American jurist implied a vigorous give-and-take, an actual exchange between points of view, that lies at the heart of the body politic. As the gratuitous remarks from the President's critics prove, however, much of what passes for political criticism in the Philippines (even from Malacañang, we hasten to point out) cannot be said to be market-oriented. They roll off inflexible production lines, as it were, without regard for market conditions.

Consider this: If the President had refused to answer last Wednesday's question, or answered it in the negative (same difference), we would still have heard from the same critics the same sound-and-fury routine.

Protectors or predators?

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THERE was a report last week of another bus hold-up committed in Quezon City at about 10 o'clock in the evening. Five armed men boarded the vehicle and robbed the passengers at gunpoint. One valiant victim refused to be intimidated and was fatally shot in the throat beside his terrified wife. The killer and his companions then left with their loot and have, to date, not been apprehended.

The news item was buried in the inside pages where years before it could have been headlined on the front page. The tabloids probably screamed it to the *bakya* crowd, but the respectable broadsheets were not as hysterical. The outrage was not given sensational attention because it was hardly news anymore. Crimes like this one have become so common these days as to become a fact of life—or death—in our country.

Recently, there was a bombing in Zamboanga City that killed two persons and injured several others; last Thursday, the carnage was repeated in Kidapawan City, but on a wider scale. As usual, the military blamed it on the Abu Sayyaf. Earlier, the children of a rich congressman were kidnapped at 7:30 in the morning in the full view of many people in a busy street. When the children were later released unharmed, the lawmen claimed credit for what they called their "tried and tested" tactics.

The public was not impressed. The consensus is that a big ransom was paid to the kidnappers, who are still at large and probably gloating over their latest humiliation of the government. It won't be long when they will be reported as killed in a shoot-out with the lawmen when all indications will point to a rubout.

The escape of detention or convicted prisoners even from Camp Crame itself has raised suspicions of the involvement of some soldiers and policemen in these incidents. With the miserable record of the law agents in mind, many of us are ready to believe the worst about them. What else can we think when a suspected murderer is detained in a special cell and allowed the company of a sex partner?

The general public now looks at ordinary soldiers not as protectors but as predators. This is unfortunate because the majority of our armed forces deserve our gratitude and praise for their vigilant and courageous defense of our way of life at the risk of their own safety. Regrettably, their valor is stained by the rascals in their ranks—and probably even on the levels of command—that have determined public faith in the military establishment as a whole.

It was better before when the military was kept in its place as a subordinate of civilian authority. Now so many retired generals and colonels are part of the civilian authority and inefficiently discharging unfamiliar civilian tasks by grace of the President. This could be a manifestation of the fear of a military takeover of the government like the failed coup d'etat led by Col. Gregorio Honasan in 1988.

Generals should discharge their duties while in service without hope or manipulation of their appointment to civilian posts when they retire. Such expectation may be the reason they are not succeeding in maintaining peace and order in the country as their main occupation and preoccupation.

Before the war, the policeman on his beat was a respected member and even leader of the community. People considered him their friend, not a knave easily bribed to look the other way. Today, the appearance alone of the ordinary policeman, reeking of beer in the morning with a cigarette dangling from his mouth, is enough to warn the public that the man is a scalawag. It is hard to trust a person who looks like a criminal and probably is one.

PNP Chief Hermogenes Ebdane himself has said there are more than 5,000 rogue cops on the loose. That ghastly number may even be only a conservative estimate.

The Abu Sayyaf has reared its ugly head again after the military announced for the *nth* time that it had subdued the bandits. The NPA has launched its own campaign of violence in favor of its de-listed freeloader leader in the Netherlands. The Nida Blanca murder is still a mystery, some say because of the involvement of a retired general. Criminals are out on bail or delaying their conviction by a strategy of delay permitted by the courts.

At the rate we are going, we are likely to be the crime capital in Asia, like Chicago during the Roaring Twenties. Already, we have earned the dubious distinction as the kidnapping center of the world. The majority of our death convicts are incestuous rapists denounced by the fruit of their own loins they sullied with their lust. Diosdado Macapagal has been dishonored with the overpricing by the hundreds of millions of pesos of a boulevard named after him.

Instead of appearing on television commercials and dancing at tribal rites in ethnic costumes, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo should devote her valuable time to the solution of the nation's serious problems, especially the rising and mostly unchecked criminality.

The benefits of a free society will never be truly enjoyed if the people are gripped in the villainy of crooks, subversives, robbers, rapists, murderers and scoundrels of every stripe. Governing a country is not a song-and-dance exercise but a sincere and selfless endeavor to promote the greatest good for the greatest number. It's a pity our President does not understand this basic and simple principle of statecraft.

Generoso, simplicio and sincero

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

WHEN I was a little boy, growing up in Bani, Pangasinan, there was this friend of Papa who was in the US Navy. Whenever he came home, it was like a fiesta for our sleepy town, for it meant we got to taste apples and chocolates which were very rare commodities those days. He would also share stateside drinks and "blue seal" cigarettes with the menfolk, and he would even show a movie for the whole town at night. Yes, that was many years ago but I still remember Tio Pelino Veloria (father of Washington State Rep. Velma Veloria), a man who was generous in sharing his blessings with others, whose house was open for all, young or old, rich or poor alike. Want to be remembered fondly? Be generous. Want to be forgotten and not be remembered at all? Be selfish.

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The Gospel today (Mt. 22, 1-14) speaks about a generous man who made his house open for all when the invited wedding guests did not show up. Jesus reminds us today to open our doors to all and not to be exclusive or calculating in our giving and loving. How do we treat people who are not of our kind or not of our own circle? How do we welcome those who do not look like us, do not talk or think like us, or do not smell like us? In Christ there is no "they." It's always "we." He wants us to be good to those in the North, in the East, in the West and in the South. That's why his message is called Good News! It also means that we should be good especially to the No ones, the Eliminated, the Wait-listed and the Suffering around us.

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Gone are the days of monologue...The thrust in the church today is dialogue. Our congregation, the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in particular, has pointed out as priority our prophetic dialogue with these people, namely: those who are poor and "unchurched." We all must be busy reaching out to all. Today, let us ask ourselves: How do I treat, how do I look at, how do I think of, how do I deal with "these" people? The message is clear; go down from your pedestal, open your doors, reach out in humility and in dialogue.

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Are we teaching the children to be generous? We teach them to be wise in this world, fine. But do we teach them to share? I learned generosity at an early age through the examples of Papa and Mama who did not have much but who always had something for anyone who came to our home in need. I remember my grandfather Felix Orbos, a public school teacher who invited those from the barrios to eat at our house while waiting for their bus on Sundays. I treasure these lessons learned from them. They did not have much, but they gave much. Look around you. Oftentimes it is not the rich but the poor who are more generous. Why is it so? How come?

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This week, I went down memory lane together with Fr. Provincial Joel Maribao and the council on our visitation from San Jose Occidental Mindoro all the way to Abra de Ilog. All through the seven-hour trip through bumpy and dusty roads, I praised God for his generosity for giving us a beautiful and a productive land. Our farmers will have a good harvest of rice this year. But whether their income will increase, that is another story, for along with God's generosity is man's selfishness and greed. But what touched me was the hospitality and warm welcome of the priests and the people we visited along the way. It was a humbling experience to be received with such generosity, simplicity and sincerity.

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This is a beautiful and hopeful time of the year, when rice is now ready for harvest. Let us all say a prayer for the farmers who worked so hard for the rice that is served at our table. Let us also learn again from rice stalks. Those that stand tall and proud are actually empty. Those that are lowly and unseen are actually the ones heavy with grain. Yes, there are people who are rich and mighty but they are empty. All they have is their money. Period. They don't have values, they don't have family or friends. Worse, they don't have *generoso*, *simplicio*, and *sincero* in their homes. One more thing they don't have is peace.

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Christmas is just around the corner. Planning not to be generous this Christmas because of hard times? Don't! Especially because these are hard times, be generous, but in a simple, sincere way. Don't forget *generoso*, *simplicio* and *sincero* in your life, and the Lord will not forget you. He will bless you and provide for you, more than you expect or know.

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"Healing the Filipino Family," the Christian Family Movement Solo Parents is sponsoring a pre-advent recollection, 8 a.m. on Nov. 23, at the Edsa Shrine with Bishop Cirilo Almario Jr. as recollection master. It will end with a Healing Mass at 2:30 p.m. This is in line with preparations for the 4th World Meeting of Families to be held in Manila in January 2003. This recollection is open to all.

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A moment with the Lord

Lord, help me not to forget generoso, simplicio and sincero in my list, especially at Christmas this year. Amen.

Tragedies averted

COMMENTARY

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THE INQUIRER for Oct. 1 carried a front-page story titled "A tale of death in a one-room shanty"; it recounted how a mother in Caloocan, abandoned by her husband and unable to feed herself and her children, killed two of them while they slept and attempted to kill a third. My first reaction was, "Where were the neighbors, the relatives, the barangay, the parish, while this family was in such need?"

A second reaction was one of gratitude that, thanks to the assistance of many good people, some such tragedies may well have been averted among those whom we try to help in Payatas-by-the-Dumpsite. As I go over the reports of Celing Concepcion, our volunteer social worker, I read of cases which could well have ended as did the one in Caloocan. Four children and a pregnant mother for example, the father a scavenger working and sleeping at the dump; they get to eat only when he comes home with some money. Another four children aged one to 8 left alone all day while the mother works; the father has abandoned them for another woman. Or, the three children of a drug-crazed father who is now in jail for beating them, no furniture whatever in their house. Three children, the oldest 10 years old, left by their parents in the care of their *lola*, scavenging in the dump in order to eat. A wife-beating father with four children and another on the way, himself given to drinking and gambling and seemingly another woman on the side, was stabbed the other evening; as I write the wife is watching by his hospital bed. The stories go on and on.

Joblessness especially among the men, combined with alcohol and drugs, leaves a number of them "defeated by life," irresponsible, given to vices. Some of the women succumb also, and the weight falls heaviest on the children. As Celing goes around weighing the infants, she sometimes finds as many as 80 out of 100 suffering from third-degree malnutrition; in addition, many of them also suffer from primary complex.

There is no end to the suffering one sees; the pain comes out in tears during prayer sessions and when mothers speak of their inability to provide education for their children.

But one also finds many hard-working, stable families which skimp and struggle especially for the children, and fine young people. Weighted down with problems, they support each other in times of crisis, take pride in and support their chapel communities.

Moreover, hundreds of families have found assistance, and above all some reason to hope, through help from the outside. The children mentioned above have been taken into our feeding program, and we helped the *lola* to bring her three wards back to the province. We have increased the number in the feeding program to 80 at any one time, with 20 "graduating" and 20 new ones every two weeks; this means between 400 and 500 children brought up to normal weight in a year. Celing has been able to get the most seriously malnourished children into the National Children's Hospital, sometimes for extended periods. The local parish has also set up some feeding centers for pre-school children, with Celing advising. A generous woman from Makati has organized her family to bring a hot meal to 25 children in a day-care center each day, and is herself paying the expenses for 22 children in two pre-schools. The German doctors have long had a clinic in Payatas, there are some trained paramedics of which Celing is one, and a German nun, Sister Domitila O.S.A. is a nurse.

At present we have a small scholarship program, and we have also made a number of loans for educational purposes, livelihood projects and emergencies; repayment has been very good, since it is understood that a good "credit rating" makes them eligible for future loans.

The expansion of our work has been made possible by our many generous benefactors, true "neighbors" to those in need. In response to a column which I wrote a year ago, many donations came in, some of them in the form of post-dated checks covering many months. This permitted an increase in our expenditures especially on milk for the children. But in recent months our expenditures have been two or three times our monthly income. Thus we are rapidly using up the surplus which came in a year ago. We are hoping that the kind "neighbors" to the people of Payatas who provided one-shot assistance or post-dated checks a year ago will renew their generous assistance. They can reach us at P.O. Box 250, UP Post Office, or by phone at 426-6144 or e-mail at jjc@admu.edu.ph.

Still, we can do only so much in meeting the most urgent need, which is milk for the infants. Beyond that is the principle, taught by the popes, that a family should not have more children than it can support in decency. Family planning by means which exclude abortion and respect the consciences of the individuals, is needed—not to make life easier for our economic planners but to relieve the burden on these families, to compensate for society's neglect in providing them the means for a better way of life. And finally, jobs and job skills so that fathers especially can hold up their heads as responsible providers for their families.

Passion and poetry

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WHAT could be more romantic than a film about two poets? A film about two poets and two academics who have dedicated their lives researching and documenting the lives of the poets.

The film "Possession" begins with American scholar Roland Michell (Aaron Eckhart) finding within the pages of a book the drafts of two letters by renowned Victorian poet Randolph Henry Ash (Jeremy Northam). Addressed to a mystery woman, the letters seem to belie the conventional wisdom about Ash's happy marriage. Indeed, the British literary world is celebrating at that moment the centenary of a collection of "rapturous" poetry dedicated to the wife of Ash, who was poet laureate to Queen Victoria.

After some research leads Michell to Christabel LaMotte (Jennifer Ehle), a contemporary poet of Ash's, he seeks out Britain's foremost authority on LaMotte, Maud Bailey (Gwyneth Paltrow), the poet's indirect descendant.

As they gather increasing evidence of an affair between Ash and LaMotte, a search that leads them from the British Museum to LaMotte's ancestral home in Yorkshire, to France, the two academics find themselves drawn to each other, replicating the passion that was ignited, in the case of the two Victorians, by an exchange of impassioned letters, and in the case of the contemporary researchers, by a shared fascination with the secret love and life of their literary heroes.

Based on the Booker Prize-winning novel by A.S. Byatt, "Possession" captures the heated milieu of illicit and furtive love between a man and a woman in Victorian England. There are many obstacles to hurdle in the pursuit of their instant and powerful attraction to each other. Ash is a respected figure in society, to all the world a happily married man but in reality trapped in a loveless marriage purged of passion. LaMotte is an early feminist, ensconced in a comfortable, intimate world with her female lover, whose own emotional needs thwart LaMotte's inclination to fly into Ash's arms. When they meet, they feel the sparks of attraction. But as their correspondence reveals deeper streams of shared philosophies and views on life, the sparks burst into the flame of uncontrollable compulsion.

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DIRECTOR Neil LaBute is able to draw viewers into the evolving relationship and simmering passion between Ash and LaMotte, mainly due to the on-screen magnetism and chemistry between Northam and Ehle. Ehle is a delight, beautiful in a mature, womanly way. Largely unknown, at least to moviegoers more attuned to Hollywood productions, her face bears passing resemblance to Julianne Moore and even Meryl Streep. Her face is an eloquent canvas for her character's repressed sensuality and deeply romantic nature. When she drops her nightgown to reveal bare shoulders, the sight becomes a most erotic cinematic moment.

It tells much about how the film fails its contemporary characters that whenever the plotline calls for the cameras to temporarily abandon the Victorians, filmgoers can't wait until Paltrow and Eckhart are done with their scenes so we could lose ourselves again in the poets' love story. In fairness, though, the characters of the literary researchers don't really give Paltrow and Eckhart enough room to loosen up and let go.

If anything, "Possession" should awaken in jaded audiences a love for poetry and fascination for romance. I for one cannot wait to get my hands on the novel, as well as to re-acquaint myself with the poetry of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, whose epistolary romance is thought to inspire "Possession's" basic plot, as well as Christina Rosetti and Emily Dickinson, whose unconventional lives modeled Christabel's character.

I would think "Possession" should be a hit here, given Filipinos' deeply romantic nature. And as I could tell from conversations shared in the ladies' room, women are likely to be swept away by this story of a passion between two people who dared to risk all and thought love worth the supreme sacrifice.

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TOO bad the crowd could barely fill half of the Philippine Plaza's ballroom for the "Jazz for a Cause" concert featuring Los Angeles-based jazz musician Don Randi and his band, Quest. With special guests Richard Merk and Regine Velasquez, the concert was a showcase of versatility and musical skill. Best known as the favorite bandleader of Nancy Sinatra, Randi composed Sinatra's all-time hit, "These Boots are Made for Walking," and to this day accompanies the singer in concerts around the world.

Produced by new production outfit Muse.e, "Jazz for a Cause," fortunately, was not just a single concert, but would be followed by combined free playing/teaching sessions for young musicians and music students at the Pagcor amphitheater.

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IN A BRIEF conversation, I asked Randi what he thought of the talents of Richard and Regine. He declared himself "very impressed" by the two talents, but said he was just floored by Regine's vocal prowess. "Just when you think she has nothing else to give, she comes up with even higher notes. She's amazing!"

Randi is of the opinion that Regine "is just starting," internationally, that is. "If she could get herself booked by major recording companies and concert producers in the States, she'll really make it big," he said.

Well, Randi and the band are no pushovers themselves. And as their performance that night showed, they have no qualms about sharing the stage with Filipino talents, as well sharing their talents with young people, the better to instill in this hip-hop and rap-loving generation a deepened appreciation for jazz and its many permutations.

Sex and the presidency

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

AS a television host, I have spent the last 15 years asking questions in public. But I don't think I could have summoned the insolence to ask the President (or anyone for that matter) if she was still having sex. One's sex life is a very private matter. It was very bold of the journalist Raissa Robles to have asked this question of President Macapagal-Arroyo at a recent forum of the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines. And bolder still for the President to have gamely answered it.

It cannot be said that the drift of the preceding conversation had prompted the question. The President was talking about weighty affairs of the state and foreign policy at the forum. The occasion was not a light freewheeling interview designed to bring out the lighter private side of a public figure. Most important of all, the President is not from the entertainment industry where questions of that nature could sometimes be popped. The question was rude and irresponsible, and the President had not done anything to deserve it.

How should the President of the republic have responded? She could have dismissed the question curtly, with a hint of displeasure at this unprovoked intrusion into private space. Or, if she did not want to embarrass the journalist, she could have just smiled gracefully and asked for the next question. But it is easy for us to say this, having had enough time to ponder the options. Perhaps its having been asked by a woman mitigated the rudeness of the question. The President clearly did not take offense. She seemed eager to project a side of her that was the opposite of her schoolteacher sternness, and so to the question whether she still had sex, she blurted, with a broad smile, "Plenty." In doing so, did she devalue her office?

It all depends on how we expect our heads of state to project themselves in public. I think that in general, we want our presidents and national leaders to be better than us in every way but not to be very different. We want them to be sensible—lofty but practical, serious when attending to the business of the nation, but funny and ironic when talking about themselves. I do not believe that our people minded the President's good-humored response to that tricky question about her sex life, as much as they would mind the position she takes on important questions of state. No, I don't think we should place the burden of responding with poise to a question like that upon any president.

What surely ought to concern us more at a time like this is whether the President is doing the right thing to prepare the country for a severe economic crisis in the face of an imminent war that could displace more than a million Filipinos working in the Middle East. We have just begun to recover from the effects of the 1997 Asian financial crisis, and we are facing tomorrow with very little strength.

If the world is on the brink of war, and the news that is coming out of the Philippines is on the President's active sex life, we should not wonder why we have a hard time persuading other people about our seriousness of purpose as a nation. While there is admittedly a need occasionally for our leaders to lighten up in the face of unrelenting challenges, I nevertheless believe we should give much thought to the kind of image we are projecting abroad. This is a responsibility not just of the nation's leaders but of all Filipinos, especially those in the mass media.

The President had every reason to worry that the next day's headlines might record her unusual candidness about sex rather than her carefully crafted statements on foreign policy. Naturally it is for her policy pronouncements that she wishes to be remembered. But a question like that from left field has the effect of brushing aside all claims to high-mindedness. I fail to see how this can serve the President. What sets this President, after all, from the country's past presidents is the high level of intellectual training she brings to the highest office. This is her defining feature, and yet she is being projected as a light-headed person.

One wonders why the public projection of the President of late has taken the route of showbiz. First, there were the photo-ops with criminal suspects showing her as a tough on-the-job law-enforcer. Then came the "Men-in-Black" cover photo for Tatler magazine showing her and some Cabinet members in a frivolous parodic pose. This was followed by a playful President balancing herself on a surfboard. Now this giggly admission about plentiful sex in a serious forum with foreign journalists. Taken separately, these events should not elicit more meaning than they would suggest at first blush. But as they have come in succession, the impression they convey is that of a President who is trying very hard to be an interesting multi-dimensional personality. She ends up looking absurd and frivolous, and we know she is not that at all.

This is showbiz culture, and it is such a pity that instead of moving away from the legacy of a failed showbiz presidency, we find ourselves being drawn yet again into the politics of empty images. If the President's political advisers are worried about the looming candidacy of Fernando Poe Jr., the correct response, I imagine, is not to engage him in an arena where he is already the undisputed king, but to draw him into a form of discourse where his movie status is absolutely of no use.

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Deathly threats on the judiciary

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

AS if low pay and heavy workload are not enough disincentives, our judges have to contend with an additional headache: death threats.

Last Sept. 27, those threats became real for Judge Oscar Uson of the Regional Trial Court of Pangasinan. He was shot and killed on his way home from the office. His family believes the slaying was connected to a criminal case pending before him.

Five months earlier, or on April 25, Judge Eugenio Valles of the Regional Trial Court of Compostela Valley was gunned down while doing his early morning jogging exercise. Prior to his slaying, he rendered a decision on a mining dispute that has already claimed many lives.

The same fate was suffered by Judge Ariston Rubio of the Regional Trial Court of Ilocos Norte on Oct. 31, 2001. Initial police investigation indicates that the killing is linked to a heinous crime being tried in his court.

The three incidents have common features. They were committed in broad daylight by motorcycle riding gunmen. The victims received death threats earlier. They were not protected by bodyguards. The police immediately organized task forces to track down their killers. Up to now, they face blank walls.

As there are no witnesses who could provide leads for the apprehension of the crime suspects, it is not far-fetched to speculate that this unprecedented series of killings of judges in the active service may wind up in the country's long list of unsolved crimes.

The murders couldn't have come at the worst of times. In recent months, hardly a day passed without the newspapers reporting terrorist bombings, kidnaps for ransom, attacks by NPA elements and other heinous crimes.

Bold attack

Even the police, the principal instruments of law and order in our society, have fallen victims to this seeming crime wave. They get mugged, stabbed or shot at by lawless elements even if they are in police uniform or in conspicuous possession of their firearms.

In the not so distant past, criminals refrained, as much as possible, from direct confrontations with the police. Retribution was strong and swift if hoodlums killed a police officer. His colleagues made sure the killers were meted out the *juez de cochilo* (or death sentence) before their fallen comrade was laid to rest.

The avenging policemen justified their action with the thought that any blow delivered against a policeman represents a direct threat to duly constituted authority and the safety of the society they had sworn to protect. In their book, anarchy and chaos will ensue if respect for the guardians of peace and order is not strictly enforced against the misguided elements of society.

With the brutal slaying of the three judges, the criminals in our midst have become bolder in going after another important component of our justice system. Not content with striking at the front liners of law enforcement, they have now turned on the people who decide whether crime suspects should be cleared of the charges against them or made to suffer the consequences of their acts.

Our courts operate on the principle of moral authority. Their decisions are enforced by the police, military and other government offices because they are presumed to be just and in accordance with law. Under the same principle, crime victims refrain from taking the law into their hands in the belief that they can get justice from the courts.

Chilling effect

Much as they may deny it, the judges' ability to fairly and competently decide cases is affected when threats of bodily harm or death are made on their person or loved ones. Judges are made of flesh and blood. Their actions are affected by emotions and outside forces. They are not supermen or any of the legendary comic heroes who can program themselves to act in a certain way at a certain time.

In public, they may dismiss death threats as part of the risks of the job. Or something to be ignored because the serious killer will commit the crime without giving advance notice of his intentions. But in the privacy of their thoughts, when they are alone with their loved ones, the fear that the threats may be for real will linger in their minds.

Judges who have the ability to insulate their minds from other thoughts while writing their decisions can dismiss the threats as empty words by narrow-minded people. The litigants are assured of judgments that conform with the evidence submitted and the law.

Some judges, however, may not be made of the same stuff. The apprehension that the threats may be made good may subliminally affect the appreciation of the cases under consideration. The emotional distress could undermine His Honor's ability to make an objective evaluation of the weight of the testimony of the witnesses, the value of certain physical evidence and the other things that came out during the trial.

A decision made under duress or in fear of physical reprisal is not easy to hide. The telltale signs of psychological pressure getting the better of the judge's sense of justice and fair play will show one way or the other. It could be in the faulty narration of events, the questionable weights given to certain pieces of evidence or over-stretched interpretation of the law to justify the action taken.

Anarchy

The moral ascendancy of the judicial system depends primarily on the way the people perceive its decision-making process. If it is viewed as fair and impervious to outside pressure, they will be encouraged to avail of it whenever they feel they have been wronged.

On the other hand, if the process is seen as vulnerable to material blandishments or threats of physical retaliation, the motivation to invoke the law of the jungle to get redress for grievances will be very strong. When the courts lose their value as venues for the equitable resolution of disputes, anarchy will not be far behind.

The national leadership has to act immediately to prevent the erosion of the people's faith in the judiciary. The murder of the three judges should not be treated as ordinary heinous crimes, if there is such a thing, that would be attended to at the convenience of the police authorities.

The slayings constitute a concerted and open attack on the integrity of our judicial system. Unless meaningful steps are taken to solve the crimes and prevent their recurrence, the judges cannot be faulted if they become less enthusiastic and diligent in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

Life is certainly not worth losing for a monthly salary of P26,000.

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TALK *of the* TOWN

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Are Pinoy farmers losing the salad wars?

VEGETABLES from abroad are "flooding" the market. From only 10,000 kg in 1999, the volume of imported fresh vegetables rose to 1.1 million kg in 2000. Last year, some two million kg of vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, leeks, celery, cabbages, spinach, asparagus and Brussel sprouts were brought into the country. Not included in the official statistics are smuggled vegetables finding their way in Divisoria.

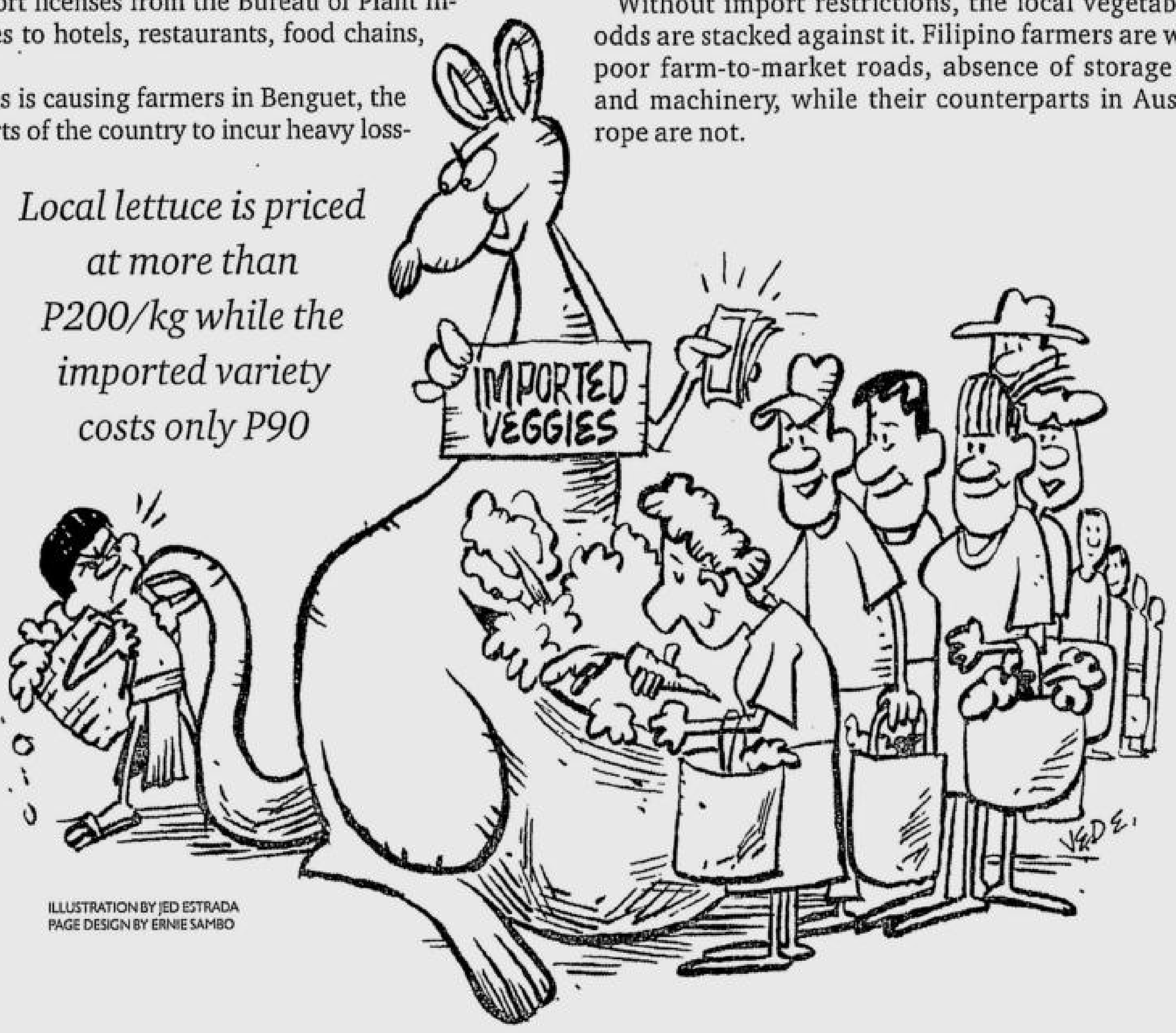
Thirty-nine companies with import licenses from the Bureau of Plant Industry are supplying the vegetables to hotels, restaurants, food chains, and supermarkets.

The influx of imported vegetables is causing farmers in Benguet, the country's salad bowl, and other parts of the country to incur heavy losses, prompting congressmen and governors of the Cordillera Administrative Region to ask Malacanang to restrict imports.

But the government is not likely to impose import controls and renege on its commitments to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Faced with protests from farmers, the Department of Agriculture is merely encouraging importers to patronize local vegetables in the name of social responsibility.

Without import restrictions, the local vegetable industry may collapse, as the odds are stacked against it. Filipino farmers are weighed down with lack of credit, poor farm-to-market roads, absence of storage facilities, and expensive inputs and machinery, while their counterparts in Australia, Northern America or Europe are not.

Local lettuce is priced at more than P200/kg while the imported variety costs only P90



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'Traders find Australian veggies cheaper and of better quality'

By Blo Umpar Adiong
Director, Bureau of Plant Industry

AT A meeting on Oct. 8, I urged importers to help farmers in the Cordillera provinces. I asked the importers to go into contract growing with the farmers and to buy from them although broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, and celery are imported because they are of better quality and of cheaper price.

I requested them to comment on imported vegetables found in Divisoria and they replied that they were importing vegetables for hotels, restaurants, food chains, the Asian Development Bank and Philippine Airlines. If imported vegetables are found in Divisoria these are smuggled ones.

Importers always consider quality and price. Martin Garcia of Tuckerbag said the firm was buying vegetables from Bukidnon, Cagayan and the Cordillera. However, its clients require certain yields that cannot be attained here. For example, a client wants a two-pound lettuce and needs 10,000 head. Local lettuce is priced at more than P200/kg while the imported variety costs only P90. Bukidnon produces the same quality but when the produce arrives in Manila it is priced at P110/kg.

Because of low farm gate price, one-third of the volume of lettuce that Santag Commodities markets comes from the Cordillera, according to Michael Aguilar. But due to the absence of cold storage facility, the distance, and poor farm-to-market roads, 20 percent of the lettuce gets spoiled upon reaching Baguio.

Aguilar said Santag was importing only four kinds of vegetables: lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and celery. Others are being produced in the country. Locally produced broccoli is longer, has a small head and has "*tangkay*" or stem, according to Aguilar. The firm doesn't need the "*tangkay*" since the edible part is the head. He further observes that Capsicums (pepper) from Bukidnon are okay but upon reaching Manila it becomes expensive due to the high cost of airfreight.

Brian Anderson of Pacific Alliance said that his clients wanted broccoli with a big head and small stem and that Australian vegetables were better compared to locally produced ones. Australian vegetables have longer storage life as they are properly subjected to cold chain. For lettuce, his clients want tight-headed ones.

A representative from Blue Dairy Corp. emphasized that the company was marketing lettuce for McDonald's due to cheaper price. But the company imports only during the rainy season and is into contract growing. Alla Arroyo of Aroquito Trading, which has KFC as a client, said the company was getting 30 percent of its supplies from local farmers.

'Some customers want imported varieties'

By Mary Ann Ducanes,
Advertising and promotions manager, Rustan Supermarkets Inc.

WE are not alienating local producers. That's impossible. But then we have customers who want varieties not available locally, and complain if the quality of our vegetables is not good. So *suan naman kami lulugar, di ba?*

Our vegetable sales account for about four percent of total supermarket sales. Only three to five percent of the vegetables we sell are imported while fruits are all sourced locally. I don't know if our local sources import the fruits they sell to us. But only vegetables are directly imported by our company.

We are not the sole importer of the reported 266 tons of vegetables brought in from January to September this year. In fact for the same period, Rustan imported only 63 tons of vegetables while 2,174.6 tons were bought from local suppliers.

Only five out of our 21 supermarkets carry the imported line. These are the "Rustan's Fresh," which are located in Makati, Rockwell, Shangri-La Plaza, Forbes Park and Katipunan. These target the class AB and expatriates who want vegetables that are not produced locally. The first of Rustan's Fresh opened in Rockwell in December 2000, which was also the time we had to import directly.

Currently, the bulk of our vegetable imports come from Australia due to the quality and consistency of its products. Cost-wise and time-wise, it is also more practical to get products from Down Under. But we are on the lookout for other sources like the United States and New Zealand.

The vegetables we import include portabello mushrooms, Brussel sprouts, red coral lettuce, whitewashed potatoes, baby spinach and others, which local sources cannot supply us with consistent quality.

Another reason Rustan is importing vegetables is our promos like the American Festival held last May, the Australian Festival held last June and the ongoing Portuguese Festival. These are held in cooperation with the respective embassies.

In some cases it is cheaper to buy the imported variety. The broccoli, for example, may cost P40 less per kilo for the local variety but then this has a bigger stem, which we don't eat.

Despite cases like this, Rustan's local vegetable orders have not lessened. In fact we have been in talks with farmers in Tagaytay for the possibility of buying from them vegetables that are currently being imported. ***(Interview by Maricar Tolosa)***

'Government has forced farmers into a competition they can't win'

By Lulu A. Gimenez
Education coordinator, Alyansa dagiti Pesante iti Taeng-Kordilyera

WE cannot discourage importation, but importing companies should be reminded of their corporate social responsibility and should engage in patronizing local produce because the goods they buy abroad are being produced in the country in sufficient quantity.

These words of Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor are not a source of comfort for growers in the Cordillera, whose vegetables have started to be displaced by similar produce from Australia, China, and other countries.

Montemayor is telling vegetable growers that the government will no longer provide them with any protection against the impact of globalized free trade.

In the Cordillera, the vegetables are mostly grown on small farms, which cover some 10,000 hectares or so and yet support nearly 55,000 peasant households. The households, mostly found in Benguet and Mt. Province, produce 60,000 to 65,000 metric tons of cabbage yearly, similar quantities of potato and carrot, and smaller quantities of other vegetables.

About 70 percent of their produce reaches various parts of the country via the Divisoria market in Manila. It is from this market that a number of distributors used to buy the vegetables they now import. And it is also through this market that a number of importers have begun to distribute vegetables.

The importation seems to have affected pricing in Divisoria and, consequently, at trading stations and farm gates. Merchants linked with Divisoria explain to traders and peasant producers that imported vegetables have brought down prices of Cordillera vegetables because they are sold more cheaply yet appear to be of higher quality.

The lower prices and higher quality of produce from other countries derive from more efficient production and distribution. Farm machinery, seeds, and agrochemical inputs are highly developed and popularly accessible; they are locally produced and thus affordable to farmers.

Packing is also highly mechanized. There are modified-environment facilities in which produce can be stored during times of oversupply. The use of modified environments, even in transporting, minimizes spoilage. Farm-to-market roads are well paved, and their reach is extensive.

What Benguet and Mt. Province have are mostly farm-to-nowhere roads. There are no storage facilities for vegetables. All packing, and much of transporting, are done with manual labor. Machinery and agro-inputs are imported and extremely expensive.

High production expenditures are partly due to profiteering and usury. Vegetable producers who avail themselves of financing are forced to enter into exploitative credit and marketing contracts with trader-usurers.

In China, there is a cooperative bank for every village of 2,000 households. In Australia, cooperatives own substantial assets.

By opening the country's markets to produce from these parts of the globe, the government has forced the peasants into a competition that they cannot possibly win.

'Imports flourish because a coop that once had P15 B in deals failed'

By Victor Calimlim
Cordillera spokesperson, Cagayan Valley-Central Luzon-Cordillera Fruits and Vegetable Marketing Cooperative

IMPORTS from Australia and China that displace Baguio vegetables are mere manifestations of the greed that destroyed a project in Northern Luzon aimed at cushioning the impact of globalization on Philippine agriculture.

The project was a marketing conduit scheme formed by 72,000 farmers and 26 trading unions comprising the Cagayan Valley-Central Luzon-Cordillera Fruits and Vegetable Marketing Cooperative (Cacencor).

Cacencor was set up between 1995 and 1997 while Nueva Ecija farmers were starting to feel the pinch of imported Taiwanese onions and Chinese garlic. Farther north, Benguet, farmers were trying to cope with the impact of a tabloid headline: "Cyanide-laced vegetables being sold in Baguio." As a result of the headline, residents of Manila ignored Baguio cabbages, beans, carrots, potatoes and lettuce. Authorities later proved that these were not laced with cyanide, but the damage had been done.

Belino Dionisio, who runs the Benguet Farmers Federation, soon linked up with traders like myself and with farmers' cooperatives in La Trinidad, Atok, Acop and Buguias towns in Benguet. We realized that it was only through unity that we could counter the problems facing the industry. The irony wasn't lost on many of us. For decades, farmers blamed traders for their poverty, while traders blamed farmers for their businesses' inefficiencies.

Eventually I started talking to farmers and traders of Central Luzon and Cagayan Valley. During a consultation that followed, farmers listed down other farm products that were slowly being eaten up by foreign competition. I talked about La Union grapes, and the unmarketable Baguio vegetables. Someone discussed Ponkan oranges that were flooding the market.

The farmers said, "There is something very wrong about how the government and the farmers do things. We are harvesting oranges but they are importing oranges."

The reality of globalization had become clearer. We decided to come up with a solution-trust. Traders did what they did best: market the products of each region under a direct shipping link with markets, hotels and retailers in Manila. We trusted that farmers would meet the demand.

Farmers did what they did best: supply these markets with Nueva Ecija oranges, Benguet strawberries, and Central Luzon onions. They trusted us to sell these products at reasonable profits on their behalf.

More importantly, we trusted each other to sustain this project without relying on a government that failed to safeguard our industry.

Cacencor negotiated a trading and warehousing deal in Quezon City that would serve as a central distribution channel for big institutional markets like Rustan Supermarket or the Holiday Inn. Within a year from 1997, Cordillera farmers were able to land P3 billion in vegetable supply deals. In five years, the deals grew to P15 billion.

Under this rigid contract scheme, none of the imported Australian or Chinese vegetables would have made a dent on the industry. But suddenly the supplies stopped. The mechanism was no longer working properly. Hotels started to import, and vegetables lay shriveled at Manila markets--unable to take the heat.

Cacencor farmers have since tried to understand what happened. An audit is being conducted to determine how our cooperative's management team bungled this dream solution.

The reasons that have surfaced are embarrassingly familiar--certain traders and farmers tried to conceal their practice of buying many of us out of the contracts when they realized how profitable the links had become. They started pushing their own products at our expense, slowly eating up warehousing arrangements.

Disgruntled Cordillera farmers packed up, and left their lucrative deals. Because of the sudden vacuum--importers found their niche. There lies our tragedy.

Cacencor studied the feasibility of Filipino farmers exporting Baguio beans, cabbages, potatoes, broccoli and lettuce. The conclusion: they couldn't. Farmers are unable to control their environment long enough to supply overseas markets monthly. In fact, hotels in Manila also demand regular supplies.

To meet the market's demand, Cordillera farmers and their lowland counterparts began adopting new farm technology. In fact, Cacencor's plans include the development of storage and processing center.

Its network is still the only solution to the "yellow peril" posed by Chinese cabbages, carrots and grapes. But the Cordillera farmers have since shied away from the program, and we don't know how much we need to do to regain their trust.

Imports are flooding what used to be Cacencor's markets. We don't know if Cacencor can fight back. Times are tough. Lowland greenhouses have started experimenting with Benguet strawberries. Within a year, even that exclusive Benguet market will be lost. ***(As told to Vincent Cabreza)***

'We buy vegetables grown abroad when local supplies run low'

By Frances Yu
Assistant vice president for marketing, Shopwise

WE sell vegetables from Australia but don't import them directly. But imports like lettuce, broccoli, yellow and green pepper, and garlic account for only five percent of the vegetables we sell. The rest come from Baguio, Tagaytay, Nueva Ecija and other parts of the country. We buy imported vegetables when supplies are low in the country especially during the typhoon season.

The WORLD

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Carter: US Congress wrong to authorize Iraq conflict

PLAINS, Georgia—Hours after being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, former US president Jimmy Carter said Friday that Congress was wrong to give President George W. Bush authorization to order a conflict with Iraq.

Carter said he saw signs of change in the Bush administration, but added that he would have voted "no" on the resolutions allowing Bush to order "necessary and appropriate" force against Iraq if the United Nations fails to disarm Saddam.

The US Senate earlier overwhelmingly passed a resolution authorizing Bush to attack, hours after the House of Representatives passed it.

"I think there is no way that we can avoid the obligation to work through the United Nations Security Council," Carter told CNN television.

He said the United States should "wait until we get that condemnation of Saddam Hussein, to force him, through the United Nations, to comply completely with inspections of an unlimited nature and to make sure we destroy all his weapons of mass destruction and his ability to produce nuclear weapons in the future."

The 78-year-old Carter went on: "I think it ought to be done through the United Nations, not unilaterally."

But Carter also said he had detected moves by the administration toward UN-sponsored measures.

"The administration has come a long way in the last few weeks," he said. "It's very significant that President Bush's statement the other night . . . calls for dealing with the United Nations, calls for inspections as a primary priority, and acting with other countries."

He added: "I do think that in every way before we go into a war of any kind we should exhaust all other alternatives including negotiation, mediation or, if that's not possible in the case of Iraq, working through the United Nations."

The White House declined to comment on the award which saw other criticism made of Bush's Iraq policy. Bush congratulated Carter in a two-minute phone call, a spokesperson said.

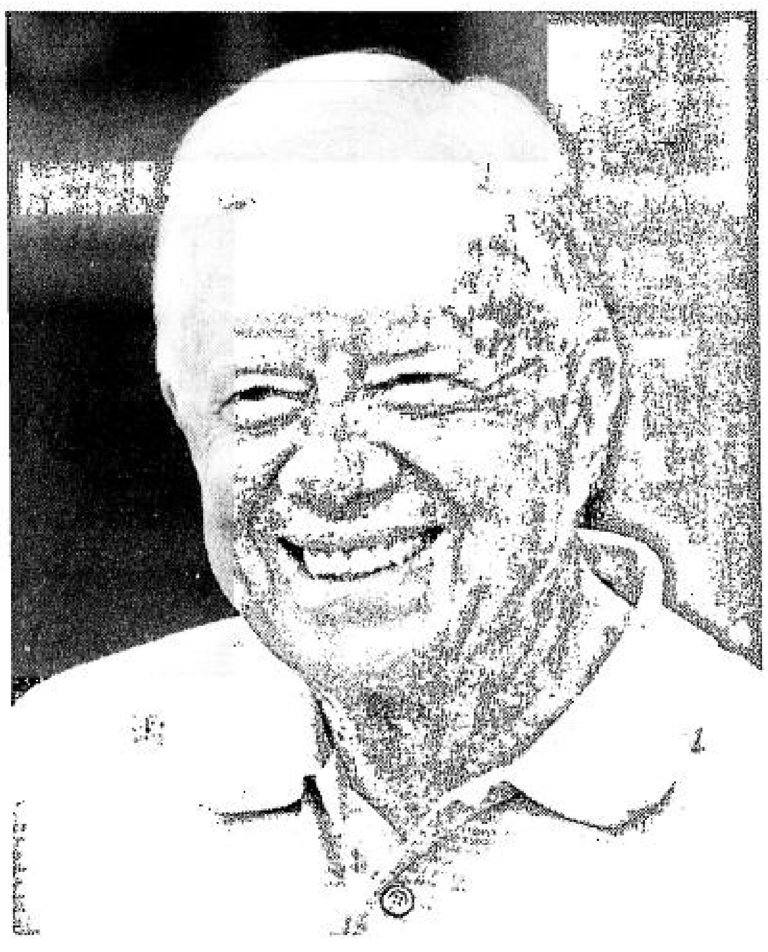
The State Department said it did not expect Carter's comments to damage its diplomatic drive for a new UN resolution.

In addition, spokesperson Richard Boucher said Washington would steer well clear of the furor caused by the Nobel committee chairman, who said the choice of Carter "must be interpreted as a criticism" of current US policy on Iraq.

"As far as the furor and the controversy, I guess we just don't want to participate or we just don't see it that way," Boucher said.

"We think President Carter richly deserves the honor for his efforts and don't think there's anything more to do than to say that we respect that."

Carter, a one-time peanut farmer who was president from 1977 to 1981, is the third US leader after Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. *AFP*



NOBEL Peace laureate former President Jimmy Carter REUTERS

Russia bucks threat to use force on Iraq

ZAVIDOVO, Russia—Russia on Friday rejected a US proposal for a UN resolution threatening the use of force against Iraq, while Baghdad answered Washington's battle cries by warning that it would retaliate "within the hour" to any US-led strike.

Despite a key visit by British Prime Minister Tony Blair aimed at swaying Russian President Vladimir Putin, Moscow maintained that a new regime of weapons inspections, not the threat of force, was needed in Iraq.

"The US draft resolution cannot be accepted as a basis for a future UN Security Council resolution on Iraq as it contains clearly unfulfillable demands," Deputy Foreign Minister Yury Fedotov was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency.

"If we are to reach a new decision (in the Security Council over Iraq) it should reflect the views of all members of the Security Council, including Russia," Fedotov added.

The five veto-wielding permanent members of the UN Security Council—Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—are debating the shape of a resolution that would require Iraq to abandon its alleged quest to acquire and develop an arsenal of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

After two days of talks with Blair, Putin made clear that the case for military action against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, accused of building a deadly weapons program, was not convincing.

"Russia does not have in its possession any trustworthy data which would support the existence of nuclear weapons or any other weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and we have not received from our partners such information as yet," he said. *AFP*

France sees terror behind tanker blast

MUKALLA, Yemen—France said on Friday a blast that gutted a French-flagged supertanker off Yemen was very probably a "terrorist" attack and Yemen deployed military ships and helicopters to protect foreign vessels.

A day after US and French experts found fiberglass debris from what could have been an attacker's boat, French Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said "traces of TNT" had been found inside the tanker.

France said it expected Yemen to find and punish those responsible if it turns out Sunday's explosion aboard the Limburg was not an accident.

In the strongest statement Paris has made on the blast, President Jacques Chirac's spokesperson said: "France will not let itself be intimidated.

"Mounting indications show that the hypothesis of a terrorist attack is very plausible today.

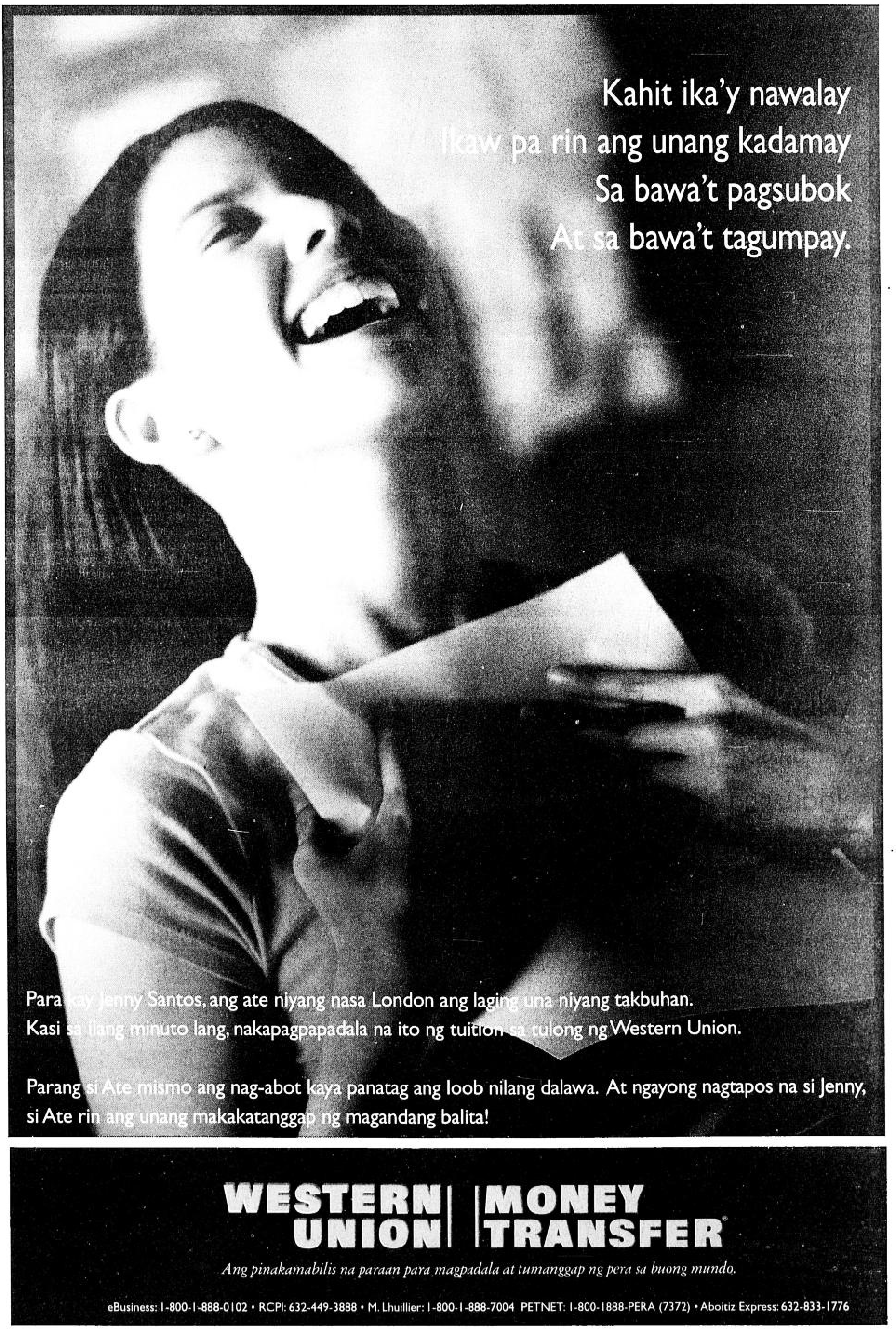
"If it was an attack, the president expects the Yemeni authorities to do everything so that the people responsible for it are identified and punished."

The French government said later that first indications from their team of experts in Yemen pointed to an attack.

"Parts of a boat . . . and traces of TNT" were found inside the tanker, Alliot-Marie told France Inter radio.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Francois Rivasseau added: "Our experts have uncovered debris which does not belong to the tanker."

Yemen, an impoverished Arab country, trying to shake off an image as a haven for Muslim militants, said on Friday it had tightened security around its ports. *Reuters*



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New shooting in Virginia similar to Washington slays

WASHINGTON—Ballistics experts were analyzing evidence from a fatal shooting in Virginia that was eerily similar to nine sniper attacks around Washington's Beltway.

There was no official confirmation in the early hours of Saturday that the killing of a man at a gasoline station near a busy interstate highway south of Washington on Friday was related to other area attacks that have killed seven people and injured two in the last 10 days.

However, the Washington Post said on its Web site late Friday that ballistics evidence showed conclusively that Friday's shooting of Kenneth Bridges, 53, of Philadelphia, was linked to the others that have shaken the US capital region.

The Post cited law enforcement sources.

There was no comment available early Saturday in calls to police in suburban Montgomery County, Maryland, where the first five sniper shootings occurred in a bloody 15-hour spree that began Oct. 2.

In addition to the Montgomery County shootings, sniper attacks also killed one man in Washington DC and another in Virginia, and wounded a woman in Virginia and a 13-year-old boy as he stood outside his school in Prince George's County in Maryland. *Reuters*

Finland mall explosion kills 7

VANTAA, Finland—A powerful blast has rocked a shopping center packed with thousands of people in the suburbs of Helsinki killing seven and injuring around 80, Finnish authorities said.

Police said it was too early to determine the cause of the blast, which occurred late on Friday at peak shopping hours on the first floor of the well-known mall, Finland's second largest.

"At this moment we are not excluding anything not even crime," Vantaa Police Chief Seppo Kujala told reporters at the mall. "We are checking whether there have been or still are any explosive materials in the building."

A senior police source, who asked not to be named, told Reuters the cause of the blast at around 7:30 p.m. was most likely explosives or inflammable materials.

"It is most likely caused by something that has been brought in from the outside," the police official.

There were no suspects, authorities said.

The death toll and the number of injured has risen steadily over the evening, with two of the injured dying in hospital. Five died instantly from the blast at the scene.

"The death toll has now reached seven and there are about 80 injured from the devastating blast," Illka Alankoa, senior constable at the Vantaa police department said.

The blast badly damaged an area of around 300 square meters and sent metal debris and glass flying across the three-story building, where thousands of people were shopping.

Witnesses said they heard a blast and then the lights went out. Many people panicked, cries were heard and children were screaming, witnesses told local media.

"There was an explosion, the windows shook. The floor shook.

I didn't see a fire but I saw some 50 to 100 people rushing out of the mall," security guard Jami Koskimaka said.

Several visitors said they believed it was caused by a bomb.

"Suddenly we heard an explosion and thought it was a bomb.

It was chaotic," Antonia Koki-Makkonen told Finnish YLE national television. "We had told ourselves before that we shouldn't shop on a Friday evening because it's so busy."

Police, fire brigade and 15 ambulances rushed to the scene. Television footage showed injured people being treated by ambulance services and blood on the mall's staircases.

Police bomb squads with sniffer dogs were studying the area and police had not yet removed the dead bodies from the scene because of the technical investigation.

Chief inspector Kujala and Myyrmanni technical manager Jyrki Karjalainen dismissed suggestions the explosion was caused by faulty gas canisters, as suggested by some media.

"At the moment it seems that there should be nothing related to gas or any other explosive materials that had been in the building originally," Kujala said.

About 10 of the many injured were children.

"They have blast injuries, such as maimed arms and legs, injured stomachs and other internal organs, eye injuries and brain damages," Tolo hospital chief doctor Eero Hivensalo said. *Reuters*

Tel Aviv suicide attack thwarted

TEL AVIV—Israeli security men guarding the US embassy in Tel Aviv captured a Palestinian suicide bomber who bolted from the entrance of a nearby cafe after his explosive belt set off a metal detector alarm, police said.

No one was injured in the incident on Tel Aviv's busy beachfront esplanade on Friday night.

It marked the second time in two days Palestinian suicide attackers had failed to hit their intended targets in what appeared to be a fresh wave of bombings after army operations in the Gaza Strip that caused Palestinian civilian casualties.

"Palestinian terrorists are having trouble resisting any opportunity to strike at Israeli civilians in the hearts of our cities," said David Baker, an official in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office.

Briefing reporters at the scene, police officers said the bomber, who they identified as a Palestinian, tried to enter the crowded seafront Tayelet Cafe.

"I checked him with a metal detector and it began to beep," the cafe's security guard, Michael Sarkisov, said in comments on the website of Israel's Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper.

"I asked him, 'What's this?' and he answered, 'It's mine' . . . His hand was in his pocket and I saw wires in it. I realized he was a terrorist.

"I grabbed his hand but he began to flee. I called out to the embassy guards and yelled 'terrorist'."

The security men, stationed at the embassy about 20 meters away, grabbed the Palestinian and pinned him to the ground until police arrived to neutralize the bomb and arrest him.

"The real hero was the café security guard who prevented a heavy tragedy," Tel Aviv police chief Yossi Sedbon told reporters. "The place was packed."

The Tel Aviv esplanade was the scene of a suicide bombing in June 2001 that killed 22 young people waiting to enter a nightclub, and Israeli places of entertainment now station security guards at their entrances. *Reuters*

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Ibalois: PMA trying to expand property

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Ibalois, who stake their claim over the Philippine Military Academy, have uncovered a draft presidential proclamation that would release a government-acknowledged ancestral land claim to military personnel as off-base housing, the INQUIRER learned this week.

A draft of the supposed proclamation excludes 6.5 hectares of PMA from Proclamation No. 2403, which reserved the 335-hectare PMA compound.

The same proclamation converts this excluded parcel of land into alienable and disposable properties that would be sold to personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

A spokesperson of the Tagle clan, a large Ibaloi family, complained that the proposed proclamation "violates the goodwill of the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (Ipra)," because the family's claims have already been processed for state certification that would be the basis for a Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (Calt).

"What does that tell us Ibalois? Government cannot just sell the lands they have already acknowledged as ancestral properties using a midnight law," she said.

The INQUIRER learned that the unsigned proclamation was leaked to the Ibalois by a Malacañang source.

Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan, PMA superintendent, directed his legal staff to trace the source of the proclamation, said Maj. Edgard Arevalo, PMA spokesperson.

Arevalo said the existence of a draft PMA proclamation surprised Adan. "He instructed us to research the programs or proposals of his predecessors to determine whether this proclamation addresses earlier administration initiatives. But normally, (Adan) would have been advised about measures that would affect PMA," Arevalo said.

Joseph Jude Carantes, spokesperson of the Ibaloi families based in the city, said most of the Baguio-based ancestral land claims here—including Tagle's—are located within national reservations such as Camp John Hay's forested watershed and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza).

He said this circumstance made most Baguio claims "irreconcilable" with the government agenda because the claims overlap with state-protected reservations.

Several Baguio-based Ibalois will benefit by the end of October from the first 24 Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALT), said Evelyn Dunuan, chair of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

Bakun, a town in Benguet, became the beneficiary of the country's first Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADT).

The first 24 CALTs are part of some 600 titles signed in 2000 by Dunuan's predecessor, David Daoas. The titles were withdrawn for review after Baguio stakeholders described Daoas' titles as "midnight" documents.

NCIP sources said the 24 CALTs were cleared because "they were the least controversial."

The Tagle clan in Loakan, when World War II broke out, owned vast tracts of land where the PMA now stands, according to the clan source. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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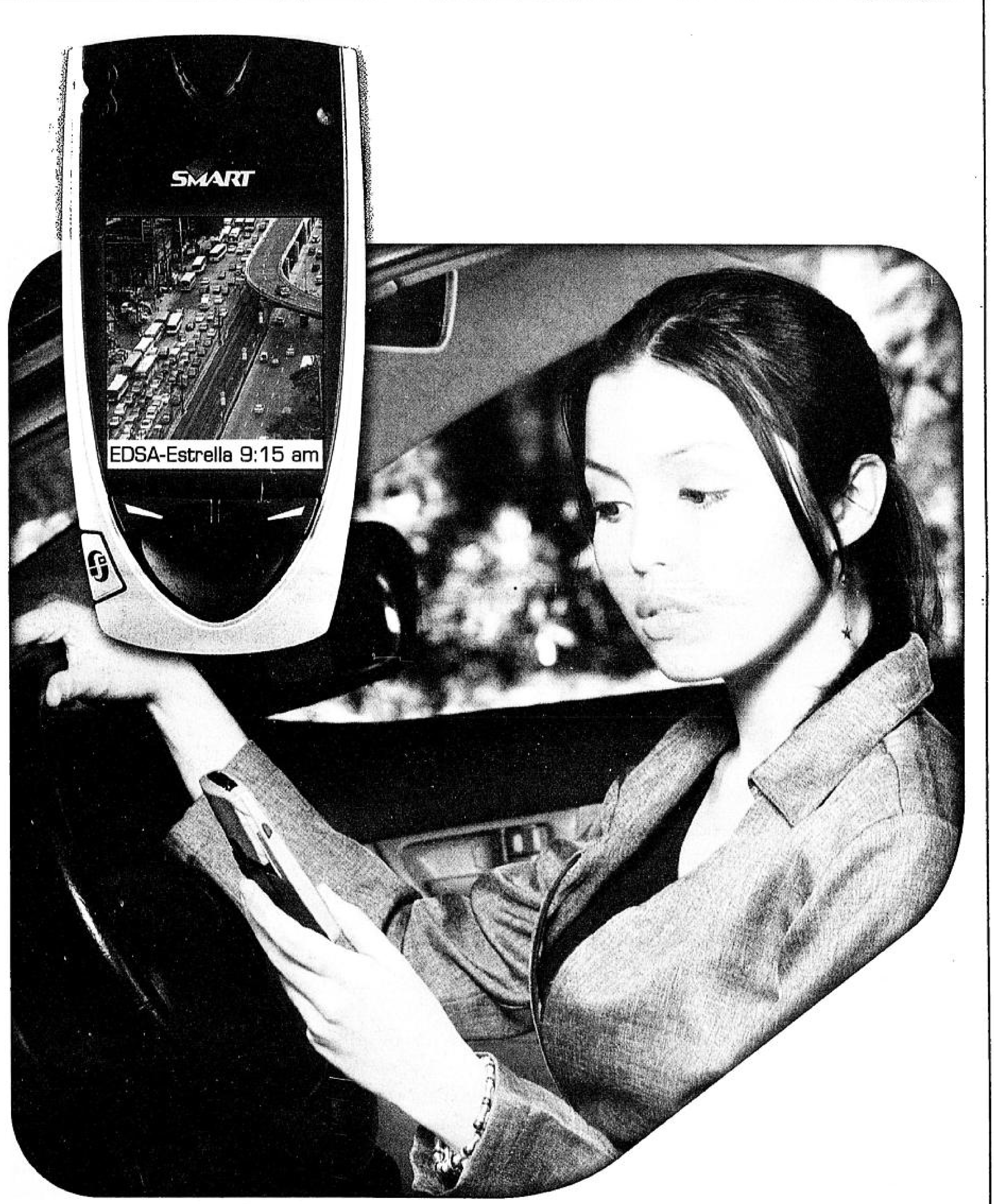

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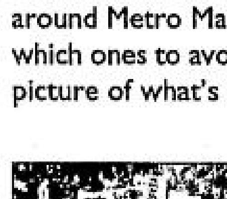
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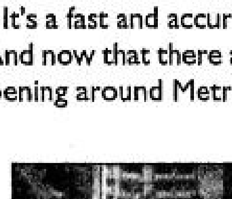
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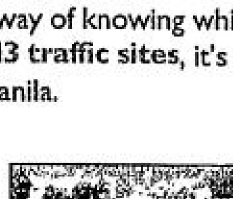
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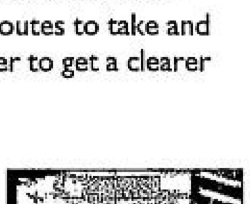
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Bishop to help free hostages

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Bishop Romulo Valles of the Diocese of Kidapawan has vowed to work on the release of a military intelligence officer and three others, who were taken hostage last year by communist rebels operating in Central Mindanao.

Valles said his effort to secure the release of Army Sgt. Jeremias Rosete and three of his companions, was mainly for "humanitarian reasons."

Failure

Previous attempts on the side of the government to free the captives failed one after another.

"I'm willing to help and even go to the area where the hostages are being kept if necessary," said the 51-year-old prelate after meeting with Director Silvino Cinches of the National Bureau of Investigation in Central Mindanao on Wednesday.

Rosete, a Marine sergeant assigned with the military's intelligence service, was on his way to attend a wedding in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat on Sept. 4, 2001 along with Pepito Simbulan, Wilfredo Maldecir and his wife Herminia Sorongon when they were taken at gunpoint.

Crimes

The New People's Army's Front 74 said Rosete and his companions would be put under trial "for the crimes they have committed against the people."

The government, banking on the peace talks with the National Democratic Front had previously tried to secure the captives but efforts have bogged down due to conditions allegedly imposed by the NPA.

"Perhaps, if my husband had been a general or a top-ranked military officer, he could have been rescued or freed a long time ago," Aida, Rosete's wife lamented.

Fr. Ronilo Villamor, parish priest of Tulunan, North Cotabato, said the hostages could have already been freed had it not been for President Macapagal's declaration of an all-out war against the NPA.

Villamor said he would also try to help so the hostages could be released. *Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Rights group urges acquittal of church worker

By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Will the real Miel Laurenaria please stand up?

A human rights group called for the immediate acquittal of Aglipayan church worker Lorna Rivera-Baba, who was accused of masterminding the 1999 murder of rebel priest Conrado Balweg, after President Macapagal-Arroyo presented rebel leader Miel Laurenaria on Tuesday.

Baba was arrested in March 2000 after the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines identified her as a New People's Army leader who carried the name "Ka Lisa," "Miel Laurenaria," "Ma. Eloisa Hernandez" and "Commander Liwayway."

"Everybody knew that the military committed a mistake when they identified Baba as Miel Laurenaria," said Beverly Longid, executive director of Dinteg, a human rights group.

Shocking

She said Baba was shocked when former ISAFP director, Maj. Gen. Jose Calimlim, presented her to the media three months after Balweg was killed on Dec. 31, 1999 in Malibcong, Abra.

Members of the Abra-based Agustin Begnalen Command, however, claimed responsibility for the killing, saying Balweg had left the revolutionary movement and formed his own militia.

Longid accused the military of planting evidence, such as a high-powered firearm and NPA documents, against Baba.

She said the presentation of the real Miel Laurenaria by the President proved that the AFP and the police could "spread lies and false charges against innocent civilians."

Denials

Baba had denied that she was Miel Laurenaria or a member of the Communist Party of the Philippines or the NPA. She also denied possessing firearms and party documents.

Laurenaria, 49, who allegedly participated in the bloody purge of the CPP and NPA in the 1980s, was arrested Sunday in Caloocan City.

She was believed to have joined the underground movement in the late 1960s. She became the finance officer of the regional party committee and later became the director of the party's women's bureau before becoming an alternate member of the CPP central committee and secretary of the Southern Tagalog committee, according to military reports.

Longid said Baba's lawyer Romeo Capulong met the real Miel Laurenaria when they filed a writ of habeas corpus at the regional trial court of Quezon City in April this year.

Blind leading Baguio's blind away from mendicancy

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Visitors, who wander into Baguio's noisy traffic jams on any given Sunday, need only to close their eyes to be enthralled by a little harmony.

A visually-impaired man may be crooning an off-key but passionate Elvis Presley chart-breaker at a city park.

A woman in dark glasses sitting in a corner of a pedestrian overpass should be belting an Ilocano aria of celebrated local country-western singer Lourdes Fangki.

Music, said 33-year-old blind musician Joaquin "Jake" Buteng, is the common denominator that sets the kingdom of the blind apart from society's so-called "normals."

Music should also free the city's blind residents from a social archetype that had tainted the reputation of the Philippines' small community of the visually challenged, the musician added.

He has been spending the last month encouraging his less-fortunate colleagues to abandon begging, for a new life as street musicians at a Sunday Concert at the Park now being sponsored by the city government.

Buteng's band, the Soundwaves, has been setting the best example, performing every weekend night to a growing crowd of country-western fans.

The city tourism office said Soundwaves had been drawing hundreds of students, aimless strollers and whole families to the Malcolm Square, in the center of town, since they allowed Buteng's group in July to perform family-oriented entertainment for the Sunday crowds.

Massage

On the side, some of the band members have also been operating an outdoor massage clinic for regular clients who troop to the square.

Buteng said their massage group is well respected, although singing on Sundays has provided them more public attention.

The band is composed of professional singers who have spent their young careers producing albums, composing songs, and performing in jazz bars and country-western pubs, Buteng said.

But they have become the reflection of what Baguio can soon expect from the amiable blind "minstrels" of downtown Baguio sidewalks.

Because they represent a fraction of the city's 300,000 population, few politicians have given this 220-strong community this much attention.

A former member of a now-defunct organization of visually-impaired said government normally relegates the blind community's economic potentials to equally stereotypical "decent jobs," ticket-vending or as pack members of massage therapy clinics.

Ironically, few government social workers take notice of amateur blind crooners, who live on a stranger's charity. The blind men and women, who tourists see strumming electric guitars along the overpass here, were once labeled as "illegal beggars" in a 1992 official city report.

Technically, Buteng agreed, singing in parks for a few coins is decent work, "because you get paid for making good music."

Labeling

But he said society's labeling had smeared even this one potentially profitable trade.

"Every time you refer to the blind, people automatically assume they are begging. I get tired of that. I want people to treat blind people the same way they would treat themselves. And if they sing for cash on the streets, what would they call themselves? Certainly not beggars," Buteng said in Ilocano.

He said there is money in music.

He had become a successful composer, producing the album "Segseg-ang (In Despair)" last year, and the pop album "Kanta" a few weeks ago.

"I've sold 2,000 copies and my financiers are happy about the profits. I have fans, and that means we will need to produce more (tape cartridges). My more popular songs are crooned in Kankaney and they click well with this generation of Igorots," Buteng said.

Soundwaves' 31-year-old drummer, Mario Bateg, cut his own album "Siana nan biyag (This is life)" last year. It has since sold briskly along city sidewalks, side by side with pirated VCDs.

His wife, Alona Traquena, cut her own album of original compositions, "Narangyag pay laeng ti Masagbayan (There is a bright Future)."

BAGUIO's Sunday entertainment fare is this band of blind musicians called Soundwaves. In photo are Ramon Estolas, Melchor Militon, Mario Bateg, Alona Traqueña, Melchor Lorenzo and Jake Buteng.

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The rest of the band count among the top mainstream musicians of the city. Miller Militon, 37, the band leader and lead guitarist, and Melchor Lorenzo, 29, the keyboard player, have been in great demand as recording session musicians for decades.

Ramon Estolas, 40, a grade school teacher and the band's bass guitarist, is a cult figure in the region's country western scene, having performed with some of Baguio's top bands.

Music's links to a blind person transcends biology, Buteng said.

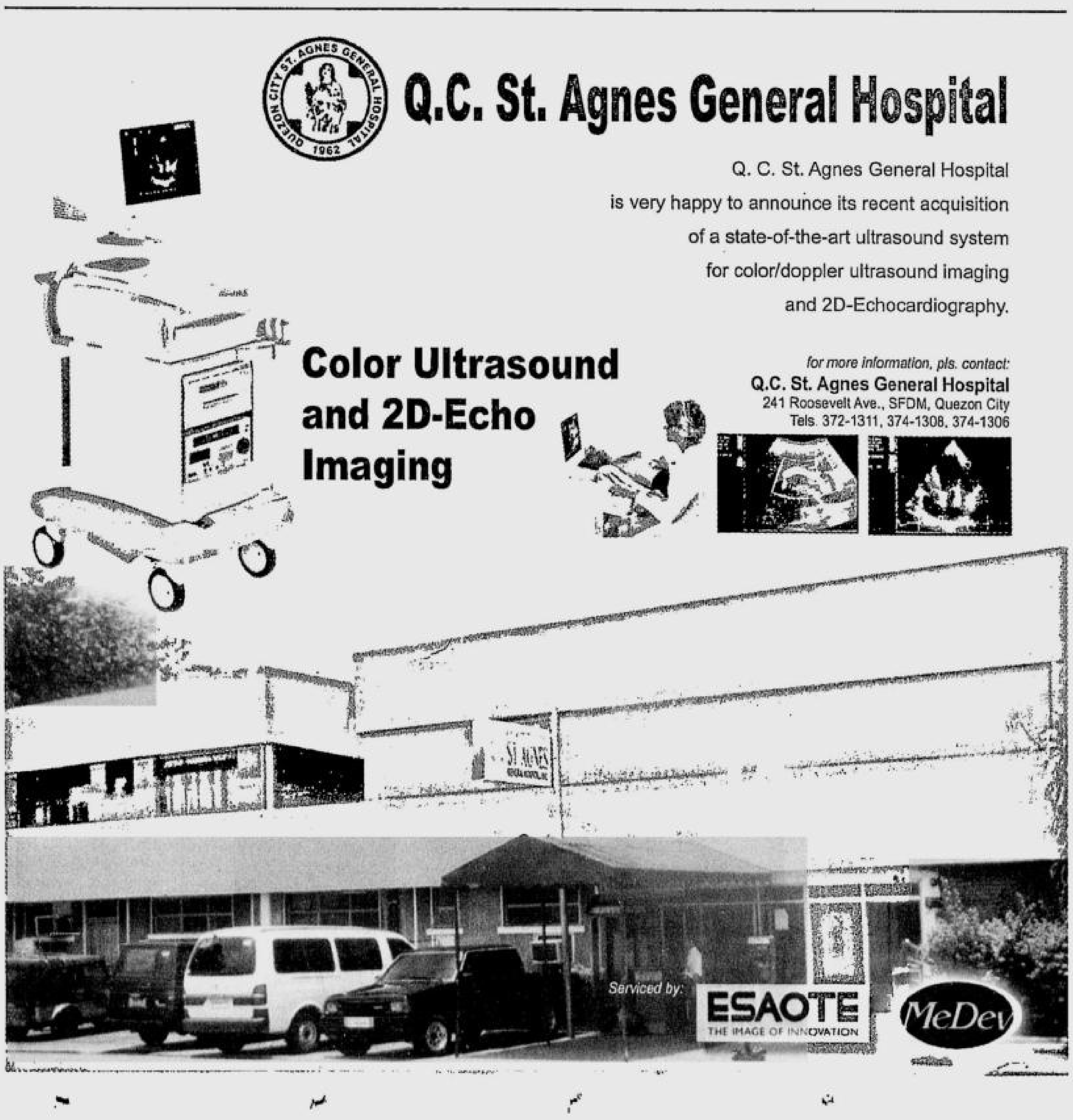
Not born blind, Buteng said music instantaneously became his second hold on reality after his vision slowly deteriorated due to a childhood bout with polio.

"It is not a myth. The moment you lose your sight, your ears begin to pick up the most unusual aspects of your environment. I learned to decipher my surroundings from sound, and learned that I really hated heavy metal," Buteng said.

Music, the musician said, would always be the most sacred link blind people should have to the "normal world."

But to date, Buteng has had a tough time convincing sidewalk "minstrels" to try out for the Sunday Concert at the Park.

"Many of them argue that there is more likelihood they will eat that day from singing in the streets, than from singing to a crowd. But I have not given up. Soundwaves will pave the way for every one (of the blind minstrels) to be professionalized," he said.



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Firecracker makers watched

DAVAO CITY—Police authorities here have started monitoring areas where firecrackers are being manufactured to prevent makers from selling their wares to the public. Supt. Federico Dulay, spokesperson of the city police office, said they wanted to ensure that nobody violates the firecracker ban earlier ordered by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

The strict implementation of the ban during the Christmas season last year was credited for a near-zero injury in the city. Vice Mayor Luis Bonguyan said the city council was also in the process of amending a city ordinance that exempted celebrations from the firecracker ban.

In San Pablo City, authorities banned the sale of toy guns while consumers are warned of the deadly poisonous gunpowder items being sold in various stores for the approaching Christmas season. Mayor Florante Aquino has recently approved a City Ordinance to that effect. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

MNLF member nabbed

COTABATO CITY—A Moro National Liberation Front member integrated into the military was arrested along with five others during a drug buy-bust operation in Parang, Maguindanao on Tuesday. A combined team from the police and the military swooped into a house owned by Usop Diso after it was ascertained that shabu was being sold there. Arrested were Diso, Pfc. Rami Lawa of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, Baileen Guiaman, Kusain Abdul, Sidik Tahir and Israel Naguib, a tricycle driver. Seized from the suspects were 32 sachets of shabu worth about P10,000; P2,000 cash and the P400 marked bills used by the agents-poseurs.

Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Barricade lifted

BACOLOD CITY—Work has returned to normal at the government-run geothermal power drill site in Barangay Mailum, Bago City. Protesting workers lifted their barricade last week after the Philippine National Oil Co.-Energy Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC) agreed to hire them on contractual basis. The workers staged the protest on Oct. 1 when they learned they all lost their jobs when PNOC-EDC hired another agency to provide workers for its drill site in Mailum, a hinterland village about 50 kilometers from Bago City proper.

Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Cattle, carabaos die

DUMAGUETE CITY—Some 51 cattle and 15 carabaos in Negros Oriental's five cities and 20 towns have died of *hemorrhagic septicemia* since August. Madronio Nadela, Provincial Veterinarian's Office-animal health coordinator, said that as of last week, 2,927 cows and 84 carabaos fell ill of the animal disease, mainly caused by bacteria and change in weather. Badly hit was Mabinay town with 624 cases. But provincial veterinary officer Dr. Pablo Balete assured the province's livestock industry would not be affected since the infected animals had responded to medication. An average of 80 cows and 50 carabaos valued at around P1 million are shipped to Manila monthly. The figure remains the same despite the surge in the cases of *hemorrhagic septicemia*.

Romy G. Amarado, PDI Visayas Bureau

Fires hit Quezon

LUCENA CITY—Two fires hit two Quezon towns on Wednesday and Thursday, causing about P25-million worth of damage to commercial goods and properties. The local branches here of Lee Jeans, Penshoppe and Video City along Quezon Avenue, were heavily damaged by a 30-minute fire that started at around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. No one was reported injured. Police said the damaged commercial goods could easily fetch P20 million. On Wednesday evening, another 30-minute fire hit Calauag town. A police report said the blaze that was caused by faulty electric wiring gutted four residential buildings and a clinic.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Cock thief arrested

SAN PABLO CITY—Police here arrested a man suspected of stealing four fighting cocks worth P40,000 from the Rodriguez Farm here on Sunday. SPO1 Ricardo C. Layesa, in a report to provincial police director Sr. Supt. Arnulfo Espiritu, identified the suspect as Edwin Zuñega, 31, married and resident of Barangay Del Remedio, this city. Police said they recovered the loot at the nearby Barangay San Rafael. The suspect is now under investigation while a complaint is being prepared for filing at the City Prosecutor's Office here.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Night market

CALAPAN CITY—A night market called "Barakahan sa Kalye" was recently opened here to last until Dec. 15. Vice Mayor Robert Paras said the night market aims to boost trade in the city as it features street night sale, city food expo, games and amusements at the city plaza. The night market is a pre-Christmas offer of the city government to the Calapeños. The venue is the old capitol compound.

Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

2 cops dismissed

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—Two policemen were relieved as investigators after a suspected drug dealer they were investigating escaped from their custody on Friday. Senior Supt. Arturo Cacdac Jr., Pangasinan police director, gave SPO3 Alfredo Rico and PO3 Felizardo Sison until Oct. 10 to hunt Gary Reyes, who fled five hours after he was taken to the police station here. Rico and Sison were part of a team that arrested Reyes on charges of possessing three sachets of shabu.

Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Tricycle driver killed

OLONGAPO CITY—A driver was killed while his three passengers were seriously injured when their tricycle hit another tricycle in Barangay Gordon Heights here Tuesday. Police said driver Juanito Regines, 46, sideswiped another tricycle and slammed his tricycle into an electric post.

Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Llanos, 64

DAVAO CITY—Davao del Sur Gov. Reynerio Llanos succumbed to prostate cancer on Friday afternoon at the San Pedro Hospital here. He was 64. Dr. Alex Tan declared Llanos dead at 3:35 p.m. Former Gov. Rogelio Llanos, the late executive's younger brother, said the body lies at the governor's residence in Lim St. in Digos City. Interment will be announced later.

Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Airport workers postpone planned mass leave

By Rianne Tecson
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A shaky peace settled at the Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA) this weekend after unionized workers demanding release of benefits agreed to hold off their planned mass leave and wait for the results of the meeting with management set tomorrow.

A protest that could force an airport shutdown was staved off after a meeting on Friday night between representatives of the MCIA Authority (MCIAA) board of directors and members of the MCIA Employees Mutual Association (Mema). It was agreed during the meeting to let the workers present a counter proposal on Monday.

Newly installed airport manager Angelo Verdan said he would meet separately with Mema leaders to find ways to avoid a strike.

He, however, assured that measures were already in place should the strike push through. He declined to give details, saying he did not want to preempt the result of tomorrow's meeting.

Mema was demanding the release of some P240 million in accumulated benefits unpaid over 10 years that has already been awarded to them by a local court. The MCIAA appealed the ruling.

The union officer said they would still push through with their strike if the board does not accept their proposal. "This (proposal) will definitely be our last and final recourse," the officer said.

The workers became very restive after the MCIAA board decided, following a four-hour meeting on Friday, to let the Court of Appeals resolve the issue.

The board brought the matter to the appellate court after a lower court ruled for the release of the amount for their benefits withheld since 1999.

Cebu RTC Judge Agapito Hontanosas ruled in July that MCIAA officers and employees are entitled to back pay of their cost-of-living allowance and amelioration allowance from Dec. 18, 1990 to March 16, 1999 and of their meal allowance or food subsidy, dependent's allowance, medical benefits and hazard pay from Dec. 18, 1990 to the present.

If Mema pushes through with its threat, airport operations, including its disaster preparedness capability, will be crippled since almost all 'rank-and-file employees belong to the 600-strong union.

Mayon spews ash, public alerted

LEGAZPI CITY—The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology has warned the public of an increase in the activity of Mayon Volcano.

Resident volcanologist Ed Laguerta said that at 6:35 a.m., Friday, the volcano produced small ash puff that reached about 500 meters above the summit crater.

He said the small ash cloud that resulted from this minor explosion quickly diffused and drifted eastward without any noticeable deposits on the slopes.

Laguerta said the ash puff followed a series of imperceptible volcanic tremors that began on the early hours of Sept. 22 and occurred sporadically until the latest tremor recorded on Wednesday.

A slight swelling of the volcano's edifice was also noted by an electronic tiltmeter on the southern flank.

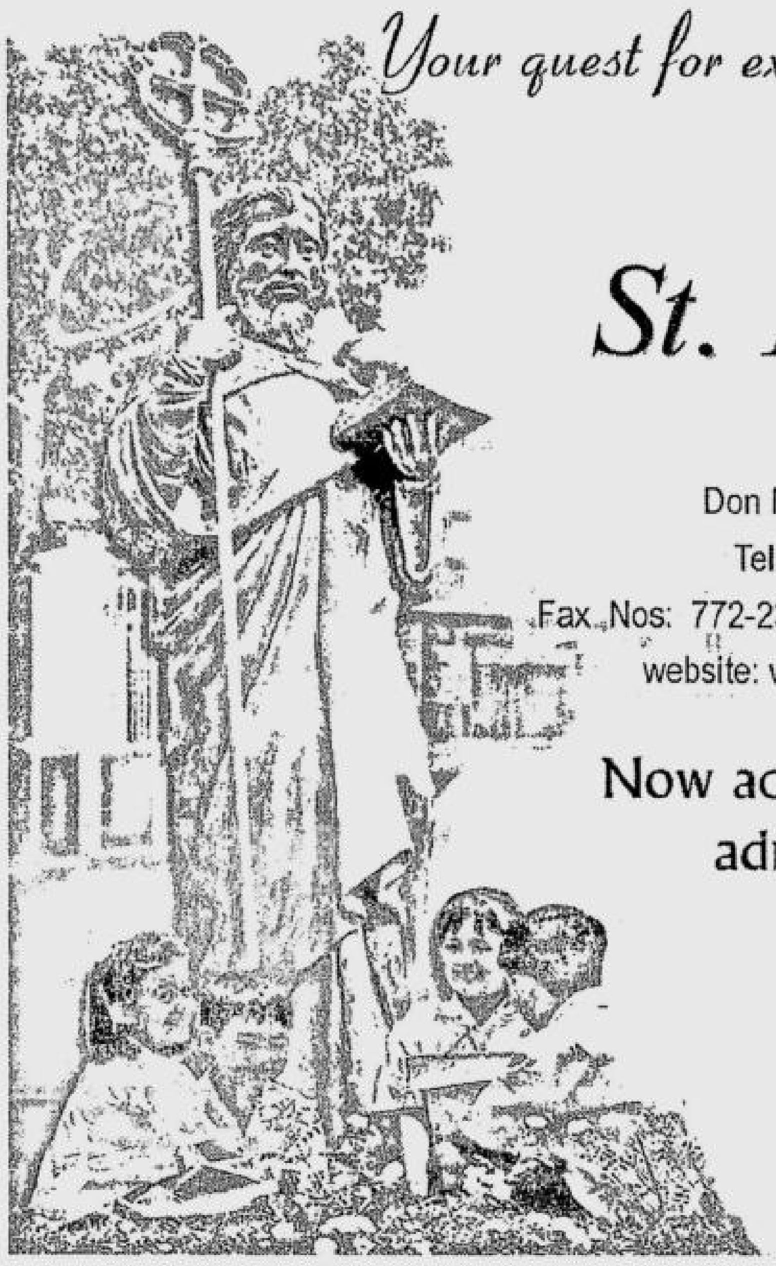
Laguerta, however, informed residents not to be alarmed. Overall the activity has been very "small-scale" and without immediate danger to the communities beyond the existing six-kilometer radius permanent danger zone (PDZ), he said.

The Phivolcs is keeping the status of the volcano at zero alert level as major explosive eruption is not yet imminent.

Alert Level 0, however, also means that phreatic explosions, including small steam and ash ejection may occur without warning.

Laguerta warned the public to strictly observe the six-km radius PDZ.

He said he has coordinated with the Departments of Science and Technology, Tourism and other line agencies to suspend any trek to the upper slope and summit area because of increased risks from sudden explosions and from falling or rolling debris.
Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



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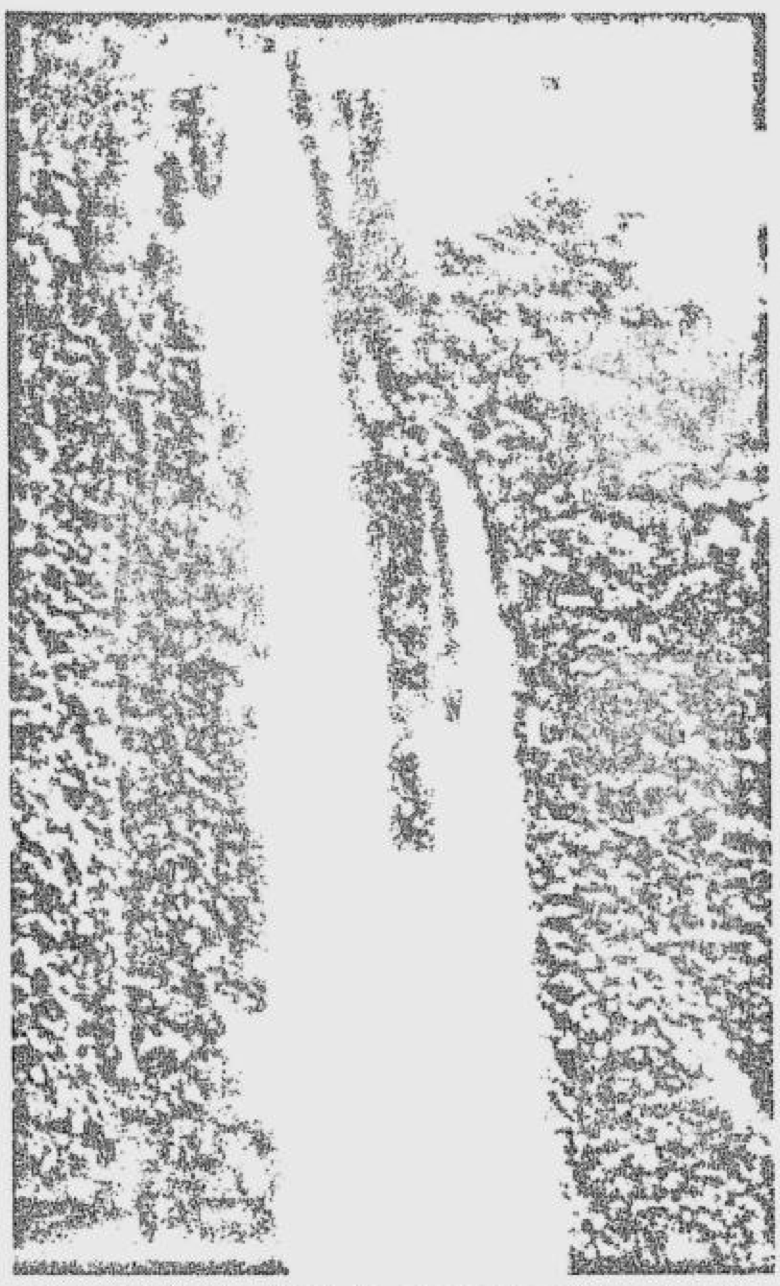
By Leonard Paul Palo
Manay, Davao Oriental

NOTHING beats the feeling of roughing it up in the great outdoors with only the bare essentials strapped behind your back and a few buddies to keep you company, and who better to brave the vast wilderness with than the Sandawa Apo Mountaineering and Ecology Club.

For years, this group which has gone through so many organizational changes has remained at the forefront of environmental exploration in the south and continues to be there as a major player in the ecotourism scene.

Early this month, we were fortunate enough to have heard of their recent exploits in Manay, somewhere in Davao Oriental and this is what the group had to say about their adventurous and grueling four-day and four-night experience.

The team, led by veteran mountaineer, Ian Torralba, Dong Estapia, Allan Yurong, Rex John Dayatdayatan, Mary Jane Kho and Alma Villacanas were on an expedition trek to determine the ecotourism potentials of the area, which boasts of various species of flora and fauna, as well as a couple of pristine waterfalls and a 16-hectare lake. The activity was supported by Gov. Maria Elena Palma Gil, board member Bambi Palma Gil and councilors Alvino Manuay and Espiridion Sumambot.



THE BREATHTAKING 16-hectare Diomavoc Lake (top, left) and the 20-foot Tagdalid Falls (top, right) both found in Manay, Davao Oriental provide life to the town's tourism. RYAN LIM

Although a few locals inhabit the area, there are no established or mapped trails for mountaineers who would like to scale the 800-meter above sea level sector.

The trail that the group passed through was still lined with thick vegetation and was virtually untouched. In fact, the trekkers did not even know exactly where to start to get to their destination. They had to rely on their outdoor navigation skills.

Fortunately, their long and arduous task did not go un rewarded and the Diomavoc Lake as well as the Tagdalid and Soli Falls were truly wonders to behold.

The sight was simply breathtaking and without a doubt, the area is ripe for ecotourism and outdoor adventure prospects provided that the proper regulations and guidelines are imposed.

Manay may nowhere be like Mt. Apo with its very high altitude and more treacherous terrain, or even Mt. Kitanglad, in Bukidnon which has an equally difficult physical feature. But, this region shows a lot of promise and can easily become one of the most sought-after outdoor adventure spots in the country.

The local government of the province believes in this possibility, which is why it decided to bring in the Sandawa Apo to pave the way for this venture.

It is imperative that the ecological balance in the area is maintained, however, and therefore, low impact mountaineering will have to be applied.

We have all heard of what happened to Mt. Apo and how the overflow of irresponsible trekkers and mountaineers ruined its beauty.

There are plenty of places still left unexplored in the country and it would be a shame if we lose these resources because of our own arrogance and recklessness.

Manay is just one of the many places that offers a real challenge for outdoor adventure seekers and nature lovers. So, if you're looking for the next best place to rough it up in the wilderness, visit the area along with a trained guide and experience the wonder and magnificence it has to offer.

Building a dog empire

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
Surigao City

ANYONE who loves foreign bred dogs and kennels knows who Joel Sembrano is. Joel, who hails from Surigao City, is a low-profile dog breeder and international dog contest judge, the only one from Mindanao.

His family's ancestral house is proof of how far Joel has gone in the dog and kennel business. Trophies of all sizes and shapes dating back to the 80s adorn one wall of the house. There are, of course, a dozen well-kept cages where the animals are kept.

Joel's prized possessions are different breeds. "I have a Maltese, Yorkshire, Terrier, Shih-Tzu, Miniature Schnauzer and Rottweiler," he said. Three of these have won the top prizes in various dog show competitions held in the country's major cities.

It is no wonder that Joel have friends and clients who ask him to take care of their dogs for a certain period of time. In many instances, Joel regularly conducts seminars on dog training, grooming, show handling and kennel management.

"Almost always, dog owners ask me to train, discipline and groom their dogs in preparation for contests. For us dog lovers, there is nothing like your dog winning in a contest. It's like winning the lotto, although there is no financial reward, it's the honor and the respect that you get when you have a perfectly bred dog."

Joel started getting interested in high-breed dogs accidentally. "I was walking in a mall in Cagayan de Oro City and got attracted to a dog show contest."

He stayed and watched the show, and from then on, got hooked. In Manila, he bought himself a dog, had it trained and joined several dog contests. He kept on losing though.

"I was heartbroken. I thought it was the most beautiful dog until someone who was an expert told me it was actually ugly and definitely not winnable."

But it didn't stop him from building a dog "empire" right in his own backyard. "I had so many dogs my neighbors started complaining when all of them barked at the same time," he recalled.

What makes this former seaman and horse-lover fall for dogs? "There's never a dull moment with them, and of course, their full loyalty to you," he said.

For him, grooming a dog is one way of getting close to the animal. "You establish a bond in a deeper way."

People think that breeding dogs is easy. Not at all. For learning to groom dogs, he took studies in the US and attended seminars including training dogs for dog contests.

"I think I studied for two years to really know the ropes," he said.

"You need a lot of patience and focus, the knowledge of the technique, creativity and the ability to see what makes a handsome dog."

He gave a tip: "The dog must not only look good and attractive, it must be healthy."

DR. SAMBRANO with some of his dogs. FERDINAND EDRALIN

Joel's life revolves around his dogs. Although he has a few assistants to take care of the dogs' daily needs, Joel makes it a point to check on them day and night.

When a female dog gives birth, he stays and watches over them through the night. He regularly brings them to the veterinarian for check-up.

Unlike other dog trainers and judges who zealously keep the knowledge of raising award-winning dogs to themselves, Joel does the opposite. He shares his knowledge to anyone who asks for it. For this, he gets to travel around the country and Southeast Asia.

"If owners know how to take care of their dogs, the dogs will have a good life. That is the utmost fulfillment for the owner," he said.

INTERNATIONAL Boxing Federation Super Bantamweight Champion Manny Pacquiao during a practice for his title-bout in Davao City on October 26 with Thai challenger Fahprakorb Rakkiatgym. RYAN LIM

When Pacquiao goes ethnic

By Ayan C. Mellejor
Davao City

WORLD Bantamweight champion Manny Pacquiao will be wearing an ethnic garb when he defends his title against Thai challenger Fahprakorb Rakkiatgym on Oct. 19.

Aside from wearing ethnic outfit, Pacquiao's corner will also be in ethnic attire when they go to the ring.

Mindanaoan artist Joey Ayala has also been tapped to provide additional entertainment for boxing buffs.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte has officially given his approval to host "Duel in Davao" that would put the city in the world map.

"I would support the boxing 100 percent to a T. This will not only generate money but will put focus on Mindanao again," Duterte said.

"Who could refuse spending for a one-time event that would be focusing on Davao City?" Duterte, vice chair of the duel organizing committee, asked.

Duterte said the promotion of the event, which has an P8-million budget, will focus on the ethnicity of Mindanao, its rich tourism potential, investment opportunities and diverse cultural heritage.

The promotion will be contained in the two-hour primer telecast to be aired one week before the event.

Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, who worked on the draft of the event, said the title fight would be aired live over sports cable networks such as the ESPN, HBO and Star Sports.

Piñol was named the event's executive director.

Other countries targeted for the promotion were Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei. Filipinos outside Davao City can watch over the National Broadcasting Network.

Aside from the fund, which the city government was willing to set aside, Duterte said he would also go out of his way by asking moneyed Davaoeños to subsidize the "masa," who would be allowed to watch the boxing event for free.

Jordanian terror suspect a PNP asset

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Tarlac on May 1, according to Nash Pangadapun, convenor of the civil society Maradeka.

Pangadapun said the raid resulted in the death of Khalyd Trinidad, a Muslim convert and whom police accused as a terrorist.

Prior to the Tarlac raid, police also swooped down on a madrasah (Muslim school) in Anda, Pangasinan, again on a tip allegedly provided by Ghaffari that the school was a "front" of the Rajah Sulayman Movement, reputedly a terrorist cell under the international al-Qaida network.

In a meeting among Muslim leaders about two months ago, a copy of the PNP complaint against the alleged terrorists from Pangasinan and Tarlac was passed around. "We were surprised when we saw Ghaffari's name and even his phone number and codename in the document," Pangadapun said.

Betrayed fellow Muslims

He said Ghaffari, director of the Islamic Wisdom Worldwide Foundation (IWWF), was acknowledged by the PNP for helping the FILO build up a case against the suspected members of the Jemaah Islamiya. Mendoza was then PNP provincial director of Pangasinan at the time of the raid in Anda.

Pangadapun said the "discovery" of Ghaffari's role in the death of "our brother Muslim" Trinidad has "angered" many of those present in the meeting.

"That's why we could not believe this report that Ghaffari has links with terrorists. We suspect that he is being held in custody to protect him from possible other Muslims (that he had betrayed) and also because he has already outlived his usefulness," he said.

Pangadapun said they "suspected" something was wrong because Ghaffari, who was supporting the Pangasinan madrasah with funds from IWWF, was not deported while Nihal Dalain, president of the Dar ul Hijrah that also funded the controversial madrasah, was deported.

Dalain was deported with Abdul Hadi Tahir, who was Ghaffari's contact person while the latter was working on a "Balik Islam" program in Luzon. Tahir, a known associate of Mohammad Jamil Khalifa, a brother-in-law of Osama bin Laden, took over Khalifa's alleged humanitarian activities in 1994.

After learning about Ghaffari's role in Trinidad's death and in the arrest of nine other suspected Muslim terrorists, Pangadapun sought out Ghaffari at his IWWF office across the Golden Mosque in Quiapo.

"He just said that he had no choice," Pangadapun said.

He said Ghaffari's NGO has many beneficiaries among the local Muslim community, but his presence here also displeased some of the more educated Muslims who feel that Middle East funds for Filipino Muslims should be channeled to NGOs managed by Filipino Muslims and not foreigners like Ghaffari.

Split for and against

"The Muslim community is actually split on Ghaffari. The beneficiaries of the IWWF are on his side, and those who think the IWWF should be handled by a Filipino Muslim on the other side," he said.

Ghafarri's alleged role in the Trinidad case has added a new angle to the Jordanian's involvement in local Muslim affairs.

It is also public knowledge in the local Muslim community that Ghaffari "is very close" to a number of PNP officials, Pangadapun added.

In fact, among the directors of the IWWF are retired police generals Enrique Cuadra, Percival Adiong and Rex Piad.

He said the PNP continues to "support" Ghafarri, citing WPD's ... Superintendent Bulaong who "called me to say that Maradeka should rally in support of Ghaffari."

"We cannot do that until the PNP explains to us Ghaffarri's role in those raids. A brother Muslim died there," he said.

Ghaffari had facilitated the dialog between the PNP and the Muslim community in Camp Crame just before the arrest of then ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari in November last year, according to Pangadapun.

The dialog was held ostensibly to defuse the tension between the Muslims and the government over the impending arrest of Governor Misuari. But the dialog ended with the signing of an MOA where the Muslim leaders asked for more police detachments in Quiapo.

"There were no issues discussed. It was a monolog by the PNP officials," Pangadapun said.

Apolitical students

Pangadapun met Ghaffari in 1994 while the latter was still a student. Ghaffari arrived here in 1986 and was a member of the Islamic Students Association of the Philippines (ISAP) composed of students from Jordan, Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries. They were mostly enrolled in universities and colleges in the University Belt in downtown Manila.

Pangadapun said ISAP flourished with funds from the Middle East. He said the group was not political and had engaged mostly in the study of Arabic language and the Islamic religion.

But they sympathized with the cause of Palestine, for which they would hold rallies at the Israeli Embassy. "But they didn't know how to hold mass actions and they were very cautious that their statements may be taken as against the Philippine government," Pangadapun said.

He said the ISAP members were basically apolitical and very careful about their activities "because they did not want to be perceived as anti-government."

After graduation from college, Ghafarri, instead of going back to Jordan, put up the IWWF, which is under the umbrella of the Integrated Filipino-Arab Society (IFAS), a nonpolitical organization headed by Maher Daas.

Pangadapun said that the IWWF board of directors Chief Superintendents Piad, Adiong and Cuadra have adopted Islam to be part of the IWWF. (Muslim converts are called Balik Islam because of the belief that everyone was originally Muslim but was converted to Christianity.)

Pangadapun said Adiong and Cuadra have been seen praying at the Golden Mosque and are known to have undergone the tableegh or missionary work. But Piad has not been seen praying at the mosque, he said.

Adiong, on the other hand, claims that his family is really Muslim. He is related to former Lanao Congressman Mamintal Adiong who, sources said, was instrumental in "rescuing" the four Mindanao State University teachers.

Volunteers, 5 firms bring Christmas to PGH

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nebulizers, suction machines, portable EKG machines, videogastroscopes for infants (each worth P1,180,000) and medical supplies needed to give dying children a fighting chance to live.

Yet hundreds of others have also started sharing the Christmas spirit by offering their labor for free.

Cruz said many of the volunteers wished to remain anonymous. But he cited two engineers, Tony and Ted, who had taken upon themselves the tedious task of repairing electrical equipment at the children's wards.

"They came here to give us valuable non-monetary help," he said. "They do not ask for anything in return, except drinking water to fight the heat while working up to past midnight."

Tony and Ted have thus far repaired suction machines, rechargeable lights and electric fans, and are now in the process of fixing a 20-year-old incubator discovered at the PGH storage room.

30 deaths a month

The PGH doctors are racing against time to stem the 30-a-month mortality rate at the state hospital's pediatric wards. Cruz established the Give a Life foundation for the purpose of raising the money to purchase necessary equipment.

Since the program started, the doctors have been able to buy six incubators (worth P660,000 each) and seven ventilators (P800,000 each).

The latest donor of a ventilator is the Milagros del Rosario Foundation Inc.

But the work of the volunteers—like Tony, who constantly remembers the son who died at the PGH pediatric ward because he did not have the money to buy the medicines required—is as equally valued as the donations of cash and equipment, Cruz said.

"When he comes to work here, he tells us that he sometimes tells his son, 'This is for you,'" the doctor said, adding that his colleagues and medical staff wept when they heard Tony's story.

Ted, the other engineer, decided to do volunteer work as a gesture of thanks to the PGH.

Cruz said Ted once contracted a viral infection in the nervous system that caused him to be paralyzed, and recovered fully after receiving treatment at the hospital.

(Those who wish to help may call the Give a Life hotline at 899-1000. Or they may deposit their donations at Banco de Oro: Give a Life account number 043-0071418.)

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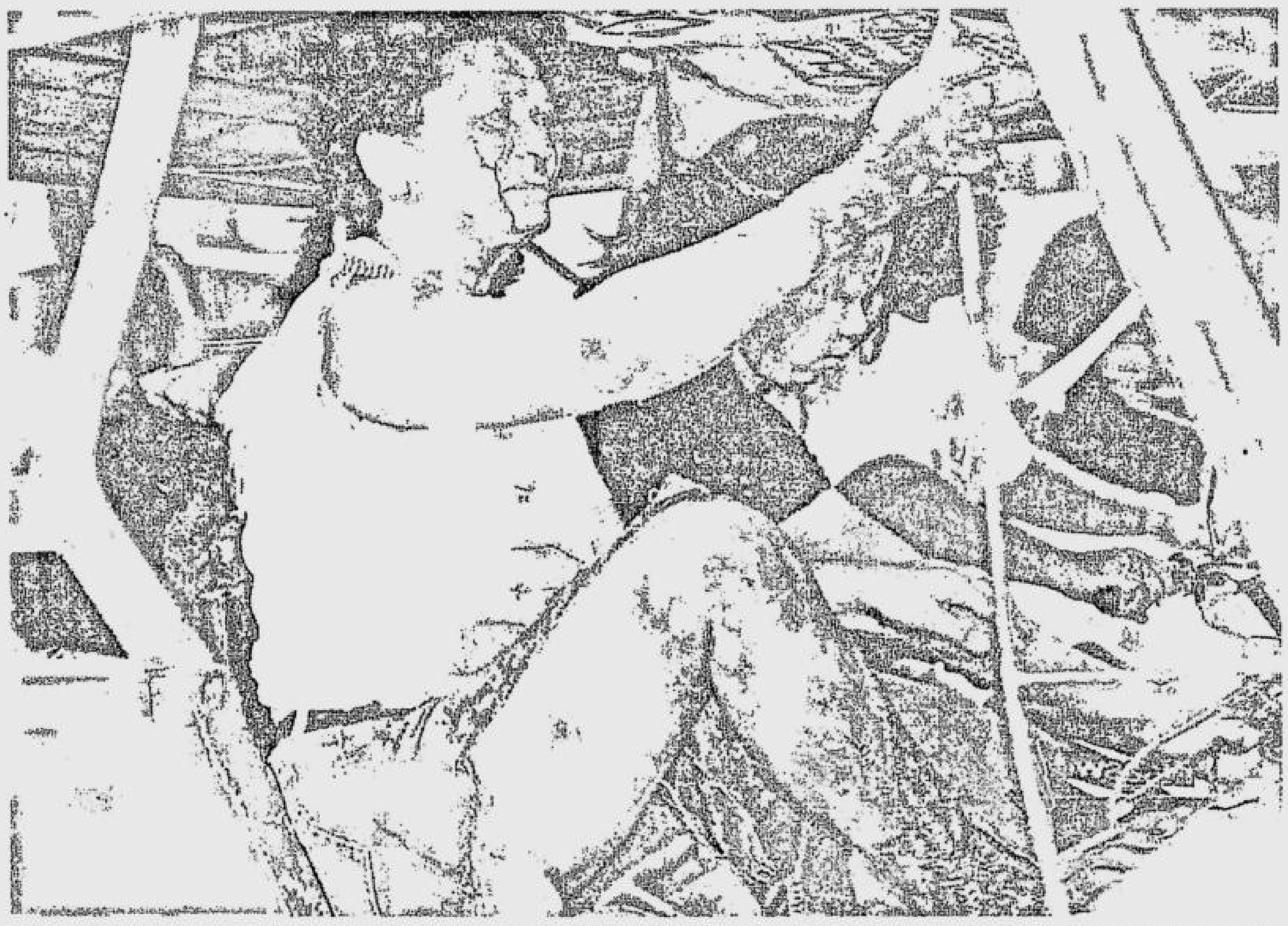

VICTIMS are brought to the hospital after the Kidapawan blast which killed and injured mostly market vendors and people waiting at a bus terminal.

NORTH COTABATO Gov. Emmanuel Piñol visits another bombing victim, fruit vendorDominador Cabarobias. BING GONZALES/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

KIDAPAWAN BLAST

'So you won't pay? I bombed your bus'

KIDAPAWAN CITY—A call to the owner of Weena Bus Company has strengthened the resolve of North Cotabato authorities that a plain extortion gang was behind the Thursday blast here that killed at least six people and wounded more than 20 others.

"So you don't want to give? I bombed one of your buses in Kidapawan," a source quoted the caller as telling Bienvenido Valdevieso shortly after the explosion.

The source, who requested anonymity, said the caller identified himself as Ting Texson of the Urban Lions group.

He added that Texson had been demanding P4 million in protection money from Valdevieso.

"At the time the call was placed, Mr. Valdevieso had no idea that a bomb exploded at the Kidapawan terminal," the source who was privy to the investigation said.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol had earlier said the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the New People's Army (NPA) had nothing to do with the explosion.

But Maj. Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, was quoted as saying the military was not clearing the rebel groups of any responsibility.

Police authorities sided with Piñol, saying the management of Weena has been receiving demand letters from some groups not identified with any of the rebel organizations operating in the province.

The source said Texson had wanted Valdevieso to deposit the money to an ATM account, which was later traced to a bank in Iligan City.

"Texson wanted Valdevieso to deposit the money there but Valdevieso refused. He instead told Texson during that conversation: 'Don't you have a conscience? Because of your greed for money civilians were being killed,'" the source said.

But some quarters expressed doubts why Weena was being singled out.

Aside from the troubled bus company, at least three other bus firms operate in North Cotabato.

These are Grand Transport Corporation owned by the family of Rep. Guimid Matalam of Maguindanao, Tacurong Bus Company and Rural Transit Corporation.

The source said it was possible that the other bus companies were paying protection money. *Jeffrey M. Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Reward raised for bombers

THE BOUNTY for the arrest of the suspects in the Thursday bombing was upped by P100,000.

The Kidapawan City government offered the additional amount.

Earlier, North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said he was offering P500,000 for the immediate arrest of the suspects. Half of the money, he said, came from President Macapagal-Arroyo.

WIDOW Lolita Baron and her daughter Berligen are beside themselves with grief on seeing the body of their loved one, Virgilio Baron. BING GONZALES/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Cops have 2 witnesses

KIDAPAWAN Mayor Luis Malaluan claimed the police were now working with at least two witnesses that could possibly identify the man who placed the bomb, which experts said was fashioned out of 60 mm mortar shell and packed with gasoline, at the crowded bus terminal.

A city official said that a week before the explosion, an unidentified man went to his house asking for an accommodation.

The man allegedly told the official that he was to join a local singing contest and that he needed a place to spend the night.

"What was suspicious was he told me he was from Cagayan de Oro and he knows no one here," the official said.

After the blast, an aide of the official allegedly saw the same man with an unidentified companion.

The duo was on a motorcycle and was driving near the blast site.

"The other man he was with after the bomb went off was wearing dark eyeglasses ... It was already getting dark then," the official said.

Another bomb found on eve of Zambo fiesta

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Another home-made bomb, of the type used in the Oct. 2 explosion here that killed a US Green Beret and three Filipino civilians, was found on the eve of the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Pilar.

Insp. Jose Bayani Gucela, intelligence chief of the city police, said the nail bomb was discovered Friday evening near the Petit Barracks of the Armed Forces' Southern Command, which is a few meters away from Fort Lady of Pilar. It was the second bomb found in three days.

Police believe that the bomb, weighing about a kilo, was intended to explode at a time when the fort was filled with revelers. Supt. Mario Biong Yanga, city police chief, said it was meant to disrupt the festivities.

Gucela said that unlike the bomb found in San Roque Wednesday evening, which had a mobile phone as triggering mechanism, the one found Friday was fitted with a digital clock.

He said police suspected that one person made both bombs, and possibly the one that killed US Sgt. Mark Jackson in Barangay Malagutay on Oct. 2.

The military has maintained that the Abu Sayyaf was behind the series of bombings in the city.

Yanga said police had identified some suspects but he declined to say whether they were members of the Abu Sayyaf. He said police had ruled out the possibility that a serial bomber was behind the explosions.

Southcom chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina told the INQUIRER that the two bombs found Wednesday and Friday had no blasting caps.

"They were designed to scare and not to kill people," he said, adding that the military was still trying to establish whether the latest bomb found was connected to the Oct. 2 explosion.

Zamboanga Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat said the public had nothing to fear because the discovery of the bombs only showed that the police and the military were doing their job.

"I have trust in them," she said. "They have (just) disrupted (another bombing attempt) and they are skilled people, so I don't have much to worry about."

The Task Group Malagutay announced that charges would be filed tomorrow against at least four suspects in the Oct. 2 explosion.

But Gucela admitted that none of the suspects had been arrested.

In Davao City, the Mindanao Business Council (MBC) said it was unfazed by the bombings.

MBC chair Joji Ilagan-Bian said that Mindanao remained generally peaceful and that business confidence had returned. *With a report from Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

RP teacher faces rape raps for affair with student

A 29-YEAR-OLD woman teacher from the Philippines could lose her job at Kennedy High School in Richmond, California, after prosecutors charged her Friday with having a sexual relationship with one of her male students.

The Contra Costa Times said Patricia Villarico Petelo faces a statutory rape charge in connection with an alleged 10-month affair with a boy who had just turned 16.

Petelo is facing a criminal complaint filed in Contra Costa Superior Court.

Petelo's former roommate, also a teacher with the West Contra Costa school district, reported the relationship to district officials on Wednesday after learning that adults cannot legally have sex with minors in the United States, prosecutors said.

Petelo, a Filipino national, recently moved to Rodeo, California, near Richmond, after living with several other recently immigrated teachers, deputy district attorney Dara Cashman said.

She worked at the beginning of the 2001-02 school year through a foreign exchange program, schools spokesman Paul Ehara said.

"We took immediate action as soon as we learned about it and have placed the individual on administrative leave," Ehara said. "She has violated the standards of the teaching profession and we are taking action to terminate her employment with the district."

Petelo was held Friday at the Martinez county jail in lieu of $50,000 bail. She declined an interview request Friday.

Ehara couldn't clarify Petelo's exact work assignment, which may have been as a special education teacher, or what training foreign teachers receive when hired by the district.

No criminal activity related to the case happened on the campus or during school hours, and no other students were involved, Ehara said.

The alleged relationship began in February, according to the criminal complaint, when the boy was 15.

Abus kill 11 soldiers

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said. But he declined to provide an exact figure.

Sua refused to comment on the supposed arrival of the cadavers. All he would say was that the military was encountering difficulty in reaching the site of the clash near the Luba Hill because of the bad weather and the terrain.

He said the same difficulty was the reason for the delay in the immediate confirmation of the number of casualties. "As of this moment, I don't have any idea about the exact figure (of those killed)," he said.

Carolina said the military had expected heavy casualties "because it's a fierce firefight between the Abu Sayyaf and our troops."

But Reuters quoted him as saying that "the ground forces were sure the bandits suffered a bigger number."

Jolo residents told the INQUIRER that they heard explosions the whole morning yesterday.

"It must be a fierce battle because the shelling was so intense," a resident said.

Agence France Presse quoted defense sources as saying that soldiers, backed by howitzers, OV-10 attack aircraft and MG520 helicopter gunships, were pressing their attack on the forest strongholds of the Abu Sayyaf.

More than 5,000 troops are in Jolo as part of an operation to crush the Abu Sayyaf, which has been linked to the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden.

Col. Alexander Aleo, Jolo military chief, also would not confirm the number of casualties on either side.

"There is an ongoing operation against the Abu Sayyaf, and soldiers have orders to neutralize the bandits," he told the AFP. *With reports from Reuters, AFP*

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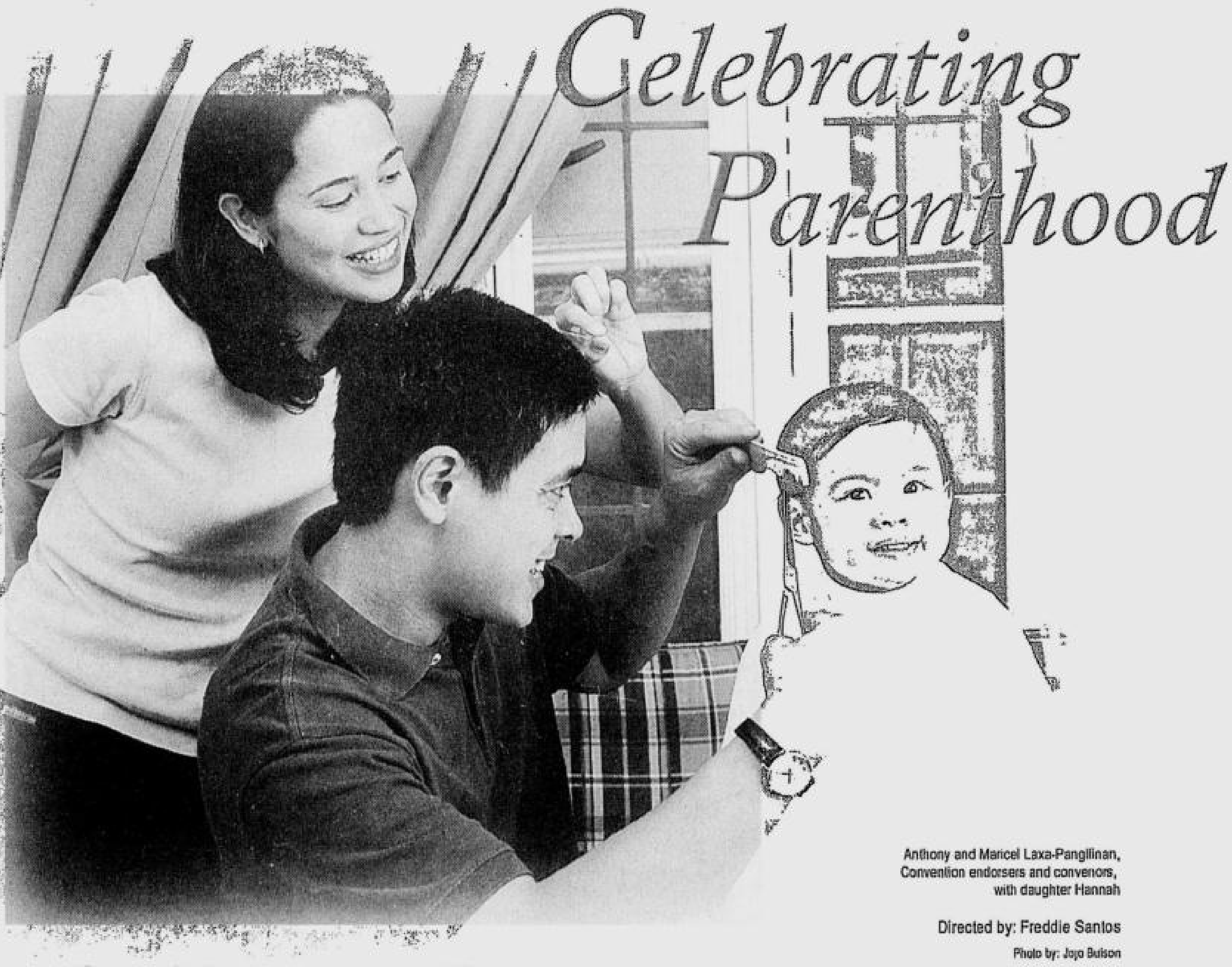

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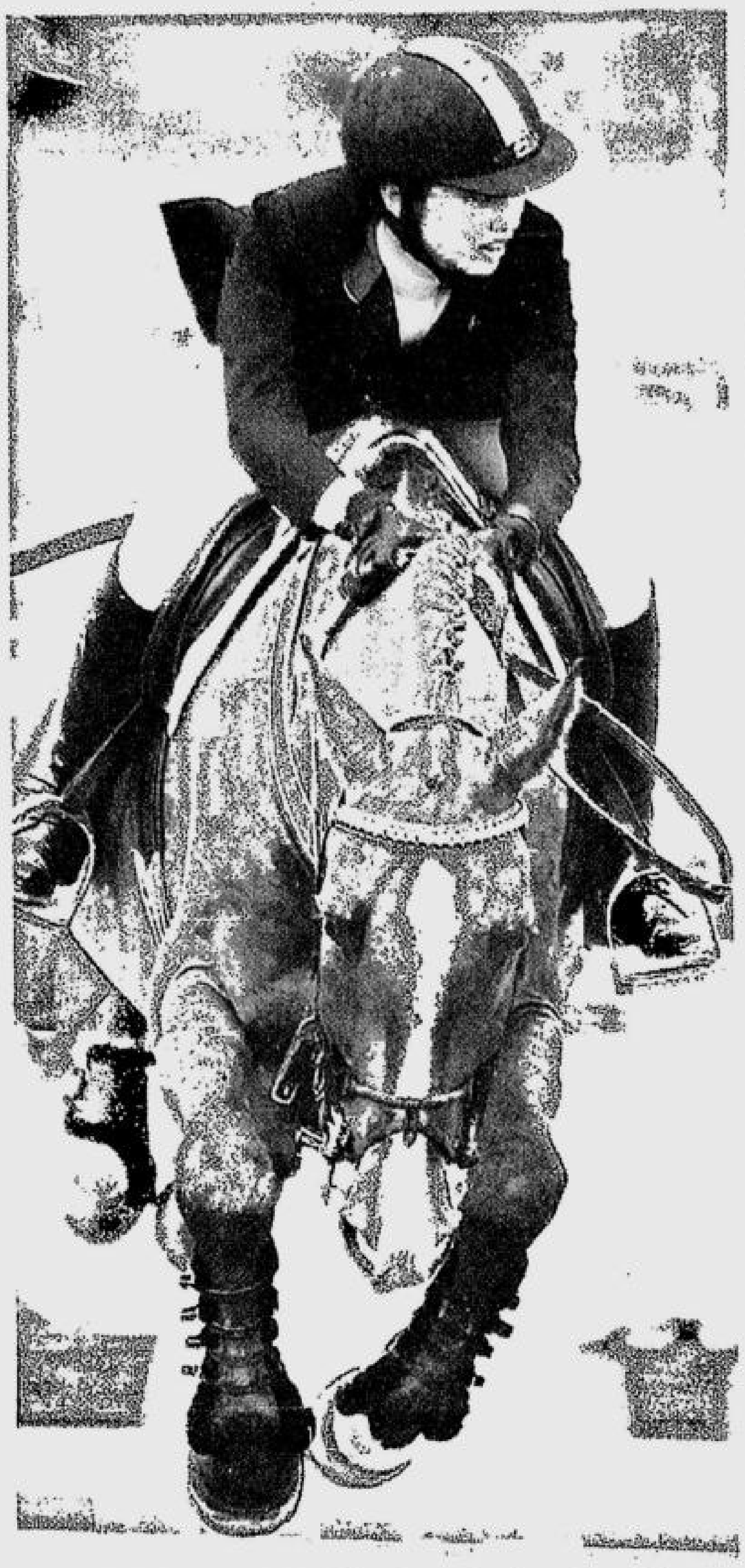


DANIELLE Cojuangco of the Philippines on her horse Ascot T jumps during the final of the equestrian team show jumping event. AFP

RP 5 drops won-game vs S Korea; Tanamor makes boxing finals

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

BUSAN, South Korea—Equestrian clinched a silver medal, boxing secured a battle for the gold and wushu produced two bronze medals yesterday in the 14th Asian Games here.

But the medals almost meant nothing when the Philippines dropped a won-game against South Korea in basketball, the country's national pastime.

What made the setback doubly nauseating was it came by the slimmest of margins, 69-68, after Lee Sang Min banged in the winning triple as the game-clock expired.

With the cagers missing a dream-come-true silver medal, they will now hope to defeat Kazakhstan at 2 p.m. today to retain the bronze medal they won in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad.

The all-girl equestrian team of Toni Leviste, Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski, Danielle Cojuangco and Michelle Barrera won the equestrian silver for the country's first medal in the sport since it was introduced in the Asian Games in the 1986 Seoul Asiad.

Powerhouse Japan came spotlessly clean to win the gold running away.

"We're so thrilled and happy," said Leviste, who saw action in the Sydney Olympics.

They received their medals in the presence of their kin from Manila led by former Rep. Peping Cojuangco and business tycoon Danding Cojuangco, Toni Leviste's mom Celia and several RP delegation officials.

The squad finished the two-day contest with eight penalty points, three better than the third-placed Malaysia, which incurred 11.

"We thank God for this and we dedicate this honor to the Filipino people," said Leviste. She said their months of training "finally paid off."

Leviste is based in Europe where she competes regularly in big international events.

Leviste, Jaworski and Danielle Cojuangco qualified for the two-round individual competition tomorrow where only the Top 20 riders based on their showing in the team event will advance.

With their precious silver, the Filipinos now have two golds, four silvers and 11 bronzes with two days left in the Games.

14th Asian Games
BUSAN 2002

TONI Leviste: Thrilled and happy.

The silver in boxing was secured when light-flyweight Harry Tanamor beat defending champion Suban Pannon of Thailand, 32-26.

The 24-year-old native of Zamboanga goes for the gold today against South Korean Kim Ki suk, who routed Tajikistan's Umarov Mekhrodi, 20-5.

"Let's pray hard so our Harry will end our woes in boxing," said Manny Lopez, the country's boxing president.

Wushu's two bronzes came from Bobby Co in the men's taijiquan and Eduardo Folayang in the men's san shou 65-kg semifinals.

The country suffered setbacks in athletics and karatedo as the Philippines stayed at 19th, behind Indonesia and Bahran which had two gold medals apiece.

"We had some setbacks and some victories today," said Eric Buhain, chair of the Philippine Sports Commission. "The setback in basketball was a real heartbreaker. But I commend them. They are like champions already with the way they played the Koreans today."

Said Cito Dayrit, president of the Philippine Olympic Committee: "I congratulate not only our equestrian players and wushu medalists but also our cagers. They were simply not lucky today but they sure made us all proud."

The RP men's 4 x 400-m relay team of Jimar Aing, Ernie Candelario, Ronnie Marfil and Rodrigo Tanuan Jr. made the final in 3:08.68 and will resume their bid today together with marathoner Christabel Martes.

But long jumper Joebert Delicano placed eighth in the event won by Saudi Arabia's Al Sabattussein with a new Asiad record of 8.14 cm.

Karateka Ernesto Halli Jr. bowed to South Korean Lee Jong Bin, 8-3, in the men's kumite 60-kg quarterfinals even as taekwondo-jins Kalindi Tamayo and Margarita Bonifacio see action today against a Vietnamese and a Chinese Taipei bet, respectively.

In canoeing, April Penalosa and Leonora Escollante finished seventh and last in the doubles event while Marites Bitbit placed fifth among nine entries in cycling's women's cross country.

Frederick Feliciano and Eusebio Quinones will compete today in the MTB cross country hoping to end the medal drought for the country's cyclists.

Rexel Fabriga sees action, too, in the 10m platform in diving.

PINAY/ A22

Equestrian ends 16-year medal quest in Asiad

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—Antoinette "Toni" Leviste had a clear round yesterday as the all-girl Philippine equestrian team clinched the silver medal in the team jumping competition of the 14th Asian Games here.

Atoning for her fault on Friday, Leviste, aboard Nazli, hurdled all the obstacles with ease as she and teammates Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski, Danielle Cojuangco, and Michelle Barrera bagged the country's first medal in the event introduced in the Asiad in 1986.

They finished the two-day event with eight penalty points, behind the Japanese, who were spotless, and ahead of the Malaysians, who incurred 11 penalty points at the Busan Equestrian Grounds.

"We're so thrilled and happy," said Leviste. We thank God above all and we dedicate our (silver) victory to the Filipino people."

On hand to watch them receive their trophies were their kin from Manila led by former congressman Peping Cojuangco and business tycoon Danding Cojuangco and Toni's mom Celia.

Jaworski, atop Rustic Rouge, knocked down a fence while Danielle Cojuangco, aboard Ascot T, got penalized when her horse touched the water. Barrera did not count.

Leviste, now based in Europe where she competes in big international events, said their hard work paid off. She and the Cojuangco siblings have been training for months in their bid to win honors for the country.

They resume their quest for glory tomorrow when they compete in the two-round individual competition, where only the top 20 riders based on their showing in the team event will see action.

Equestrian

Cojuangcos plan to sue over Danielle's injured horse

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—The original horse of equestrienne Danielle Schulze Cojuangco failed to arrive here because it got injured before it could board the Asiad-bound jet.

The horse broke its cheek when it fell after an overzealous cargo man trying to coax it to board the plane whipped it from behind.

The whip stunned the horse, which jumped high causing it to lose its balance and fell cheek first.

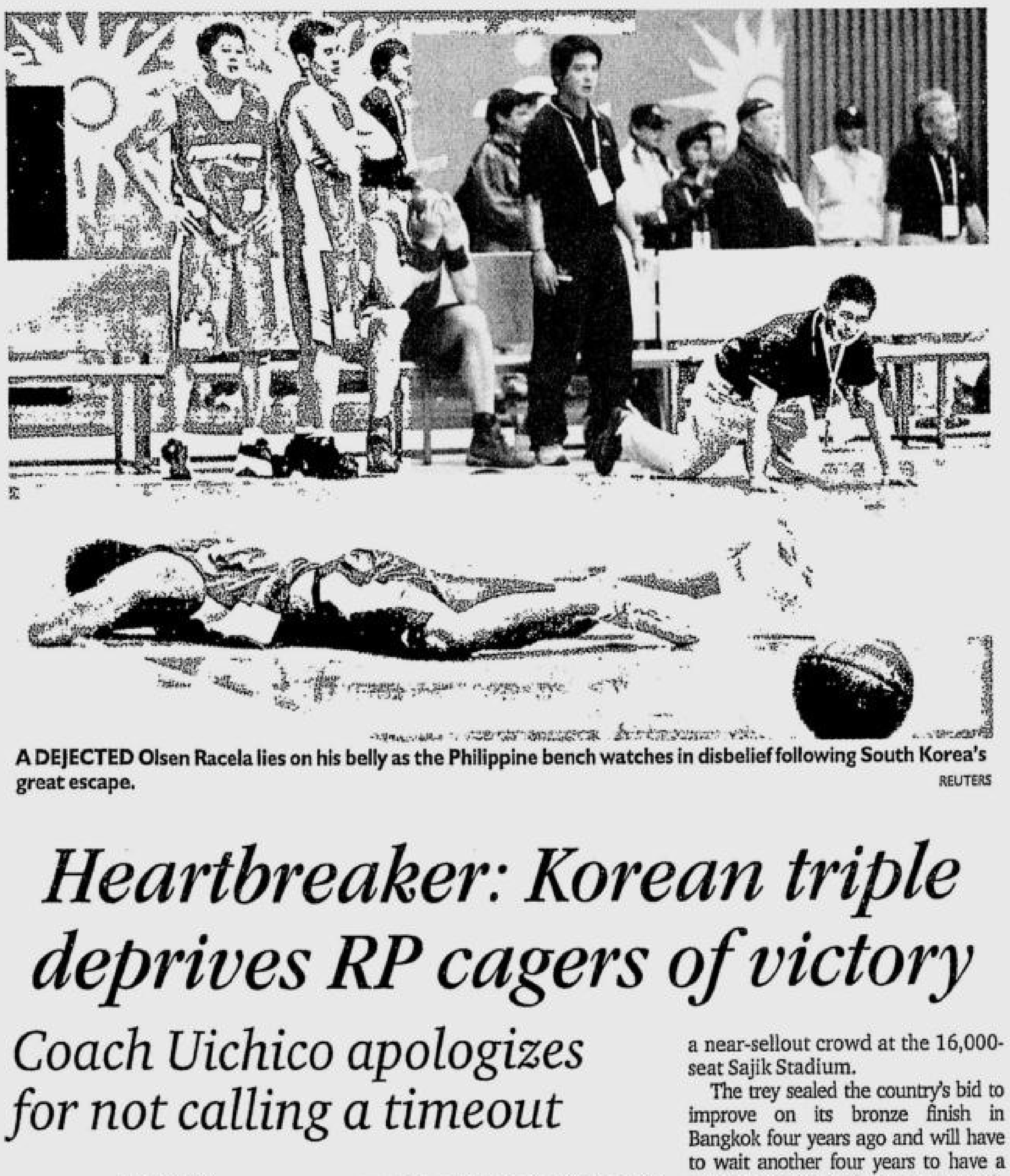
Danielle, a granddaughter of business tycoon Danding Cojuangco, brought in a substitute horse to make it in time for the competition.

The extent of damage the horse has suffered was not immediately known, though, although it is common belief that horses used for equestrian are among the world's most expensive.

Members of royalties and those born with a silver spoon are the only ones known to afford them.

"The Cojuangcos plan to sue the airline for negligence," said Eric Buhain, chair of the Philipine Sports Commission. "They have asked me to make a certification attesting to Danielle's participation in the Asiad as an official Filipino entry."

The Cojuangcos—Danding and his wife Gretchen, former Rep. Peping Cojuangco, Rep. Mark and wife Miki—are here rooting for the equestrian team that also include Mikaela Jaworski (Peping's daughter and wife Dodot the son of Sen. Robert Jaworski), Michelle Barrera, Paola Cojuangco and Toni Leviste.



A DEJECTED Olsen Racela lies on his belly as the Philippine bench watches in disbelief following South Korea's great escape. REUTERS

Heartbreaker: Korean triple deprives RP cagers of victory

Coach Uichico apologizes for not calling a timeout

GAME TODAY
5 p.m.—RP vs Kazakhstan

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—South Korea won the battle of triples yesterday and deprived the Philippines of the coveted basketball silver in the 14th Asian Games here.

The killer of a shot was unexpected.

With almost no time left, Lee Sang Min sank the buzzer-beating three-point shot after missing all his four triples earlier to give South Korea a pulsating 69-68 victory before a near-sellout crowd at the 16,000-seat Sajik Stadium.

The trey sealed the country's bid to improve on its bronze finish in Bangkok four years ago and will have to wait another four years to have a stab at it again in Doha, Qatar, in 2006.

It was by far the sorriest defeat for an RP quintet in recent memory, and also the saddest yet setback for Filipino cagers in their numerous competitions abroad dating back to the Asiad's birth in 1951 in New Delhi.

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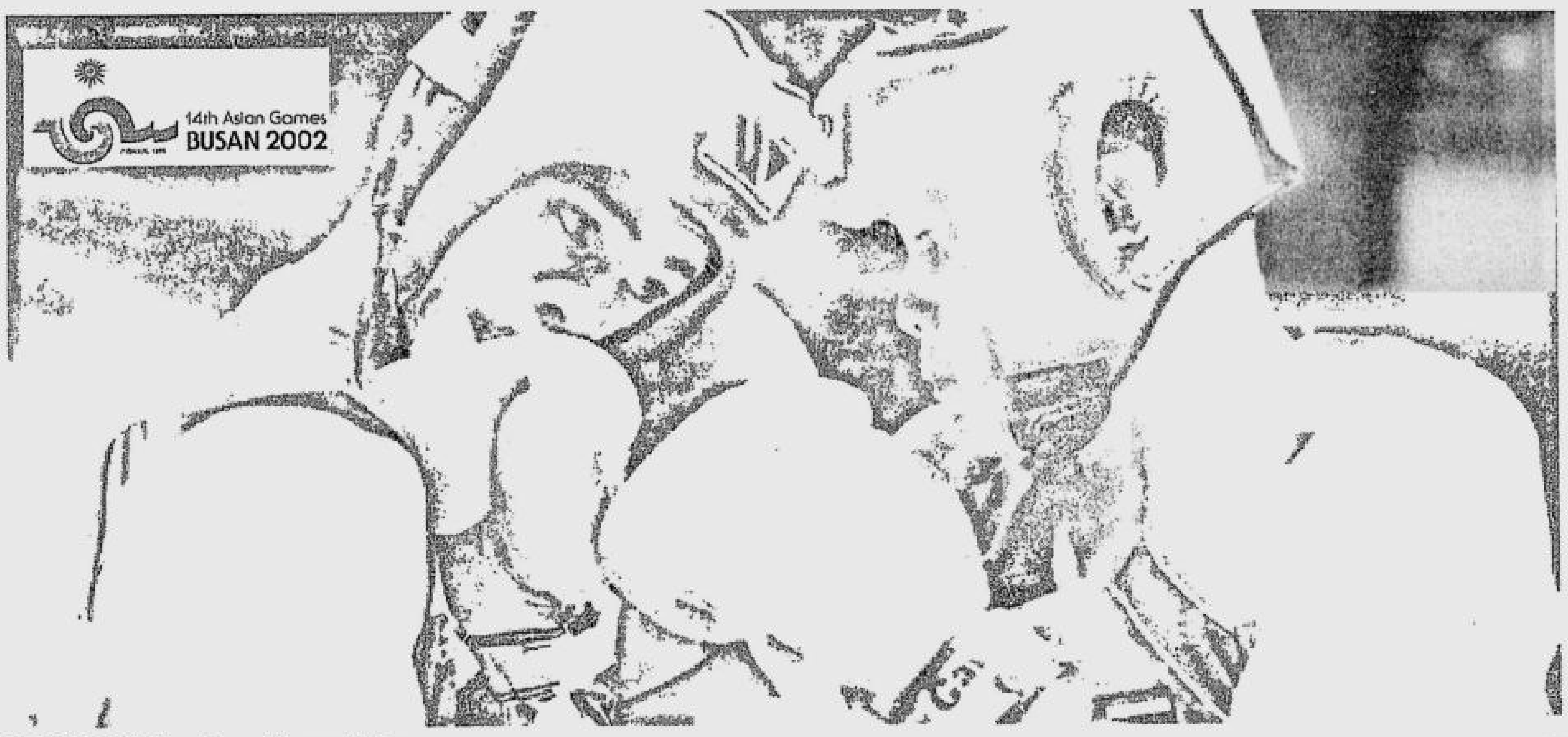
ASIAD BOXING

Tanamor wins, assured of silver

Filipino's opponent for the gold medal is a South Korean rookie

By Al S. Mendoza



TANAMOR (left) exchange blows with Pannon.

AFP

BUSAN, South Korea—Harry Tanamor secured the boxing silver yesterday, using a lion's heart to defeat defending champion Suban Pannon of Thailand in the 14th Asian Games here.

The light-flyweight from Zamboanga City employed coach George Caliwan's instructions to the letter to carve out a 35-26 victory and made the door ajar for the gold after seven other boxers had bowed out earlier.

"*Pinuntusan ko lang, sir*" said Tanamor. "*Pero nahirapan din ako dahil yakap nang yakap. Sinunod ko lahat ang sinabi ni* Coach George *at pumatok naman, sir.*"

Caliwan, in consultation with fellow coaches Boy Velasco and Pat Gaspi, told Tanamor to employ the hit-and-run tactic to derail Pannon's clinching ways.

"*Mahilig yumakap at tumulak kaya iyon ang* final instructions *ni* George," said Velasco. "*Pinag-aralan talaga naming mabuti.*"

They came to that conclusion after they viewed a tape of the Thai fighter, a quarterfinalist in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, six times on Friday.

The 24-year-old Tanamor immediately piled up points right in the first round by executing the strategy almost flawlessly.

The 5-foot-5 Tanamor, the fifth of nine children of a motor repair shop owner, will gun for the gold medal at 2 p.m. today against Kim Ki Suk of South Korea.

Only 12 minutes separate Tanamor, who won two gold medals this year in Azerbaijan last April and in Greece last June, from pocketing the Asiad and averting a shutout absorbed by Filipino boxers in Bangkok four years ago.

A round consists of two minutes, with one-minute intervals, in a bout lasting four rounds.

"*Ibubuhos ko na lahat bukas,*" said Tanamor of his fight today against Kim, a rookie like the Filipino. "*Para sa bayan lahat ito, sir, at sana kasihan tayo ng Poong Maykapal.*"

Manny Lopez, the country's boxing president, said he was very happy with Tanamor's performance.

"I'm very proud of him as he really fought like a lion," said Lopez, who is busy here as head of jury of the referees. "We will pray hard for Harry to win that precious gold tomorrow."

Heartbreaker: Korean triple deprives RP . . .

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The grief added to the shock announcement of RP coach Jong Uichico that he will never coach the next national team bound for the Asian Games.

"Once is enough," said a bitter Uichico, almost shaking from the shock of seeing a won-game vanish into thin air. "I do not wish to deprive other Filipino coaches the chance to do it, too."

His voice cracking from the weight of the most heartbreaking loss he has ever absorbed since he started coaching some 15 years ago, the 40-year-old Uichico continually wiped off tears during the interview with sportswriters.

"I thank all those who helped me in this task," he said. "My deepest gratitude to Commissioner Bernardino for naming me coach of this wonderful team."

Uichico apologized for his decision not to call a timeout at crunch time as he could have devised a game plan to destroy a planned enemy shot from afar, the area where the Koreans are noted to launch their artillery with deadly accuracy.

In 19 attempts beyond the arc, the Korean sank only six and were actually beaten in that department by the Filipinos, who were 10-of-24 in the game that had an abundance of triples fired in wild abandon from everywhere.

But the sixth and last one was all that mattered for Korea as it supplied the escape route for the Koreans, who will face China for the gold tomorrow after today's battle for the bronze between the Philippines and Kazakhstan at 5 p.m.

But Uichico was brutally honest enough to say he was to blame for the setback.

"My fault. There's nobody to blame but me," said Uichico. "We had two more fouls to give. We failed to use them. We had two more timeouts and I didn't use them, too."

He said he was torn between calling a timeout and not calling one when the Filipinos took a 68-66 margin behind the blazing back-to-back triples by Dondon Hontiveros and Olsen Racela that wiped out a 66-62 Korean advantage, 51.2 ticks remaining.

"It was my decision," said Uichico. "I thought I did the right thing as I felt they could map out a plan to erase our advantage if I called a timeout. But on hindsight now, I think I made a mistake. A coach's decision. My fault, indeed. I'm very sorry."

Lee's winning shot, flung almost in desperation to beat the final buzzer, came from a perfectly-timed kick-pass.

Lee, who emerged as his team's second top scorer with 15 points behind the deadly Moon Kyung Eun (16), made a head-and-shoulder fake from the key, sending both Asi Taulava and Racela flying out of his view before he fired the shot of the tournament.

The stadium shook somewhat from the hysterical, foot-stomping Korean fans after the shot found its mark.

At the keyhole where only seconds ago Racela missed two charities that could have given the Philippines a 70-66 cushion, Racela lay motionless for minutes.

At the baseline, Hontiveros lay prostrate, his face covered with his jersey hiding tears streaming down his cheeks.

Jeffrey Cariaso had his head bowed, his knees bent as if imploring for God's mercy, at the center of the court.

At the other end of the court were the Koreans jubilating over a win that they thought would not be theirs with 23.9 left as Racela stood at the line.

But as unexpected as Lee's winning triple, Racela, usually deadly from the stripe, flubbed both charities to add to the free-throw misses committed earlier by Taulava with the score at 63-62, Korea ahead with 2:03 left.

Thus, if Lee's winning trey was the stuff that makes legends, the four missed free throws were deadweights that could either spell defeat or victory.

"I can understand those misses," said Uichico of the four flubbed free throws "The guys were very tired at that stage from an extremely hard game."

If it's any consolation, coach Kim Jin of South Korea praised the Filipinos for "their brilliant game.

"I never expected this game to be that hard," said Kim. "I'm not trying to flatter the Filipinos but they are really, really very good, especially today."

The Filipinos raced to an early lead, 17-10, took a 23-15 first quarter lead before relinquishing the half to the Koreans at 34-36.

It was the Koreans' turn to grab a sizable margin at 50-43 midway into the third quarter, bloating that to 9 at 61-52 early in the fourth quarter.

But Cariaso, Racela, Taulava and Eric Menk combined forces to come to within a point, 62-63, and after Bang Sung Yon made it 66-63 on a trey, Hontiveros and Racela came up with those triples for RP's last taste of the lead, 68-66, only 51.2 ticks left.

Then came Lee's winning shot after Racela missed what would have become RP's winning shots from the line.

Unbeaten China swamped Kazakstan, 131-62,

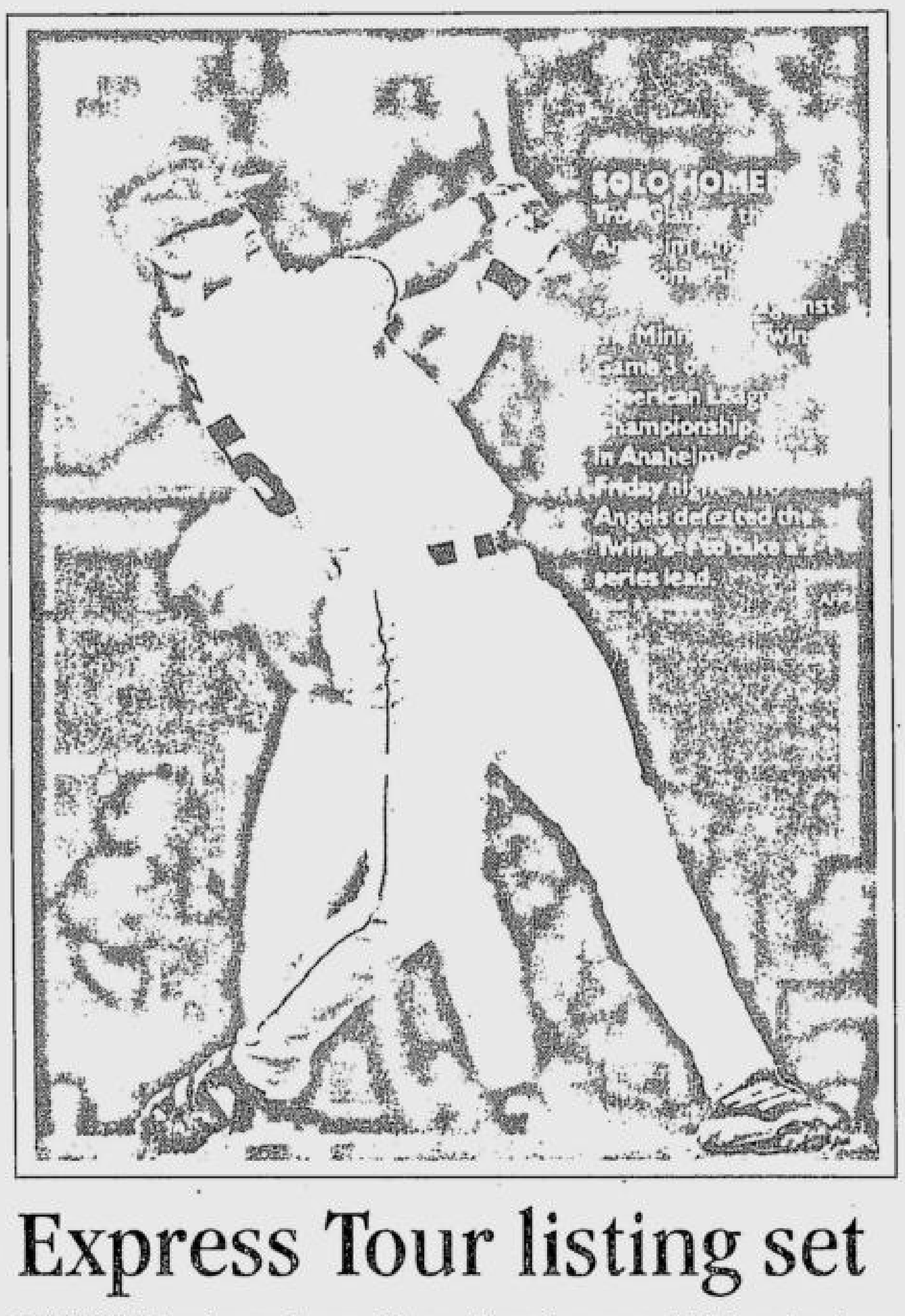
in the other semifinal Saturday.

Scores:

S. KOREA 69—Moon 18, Lee 15, Seo 14, Kim 6, Hyun 5, Choo 4, Bang 4, Kim SH 3, Chun 0.

RP 68—Racela 14, Duremdes 12, Castillo 12, Taulava 8, Hontiveros 8, Hatfield 4, Cariaso 3, Espino 3, Menk 2, Ildefonso 2, Seigle 0.

Quarters: 15-23, 36-34, 58-52, 69-68.



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Express Tour listing set

DEVELOPING and nurturing an athlete in the mold of four-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong is a dream which could easily be turned into reality.

This is what Airfreight 2100 Inc. chair Bert Lina had in mind when he decided to embark on a five-year rehabilitation program for Philippine cycling beginning this year.

"It can be done," said Lina, who spearheaded the revival of the fabled cycling tour last summer by coming up with the Tour of Calabarzon, a four-day race spectacle serving as springboard for a grander tour next year.

Next year's 14-stage tour sponsored by Air21 would be the perfect time and venue to begin the search for Armstrong wannabes.

Tentatively known as Air21 Express Tour, the event, which has already enticed at least 300 participants nationwide when registration for the qualifying races opened as early as last month, will unveil its new logo and title for the 2003 season.

Application forms are available at the Professional Cycling Association of the Philippines at the Amoranto Stadium in Quezon City. Deadline for registration is Oct. 31. Interested parties may call PCAP president Paquito Rivas or Nel at telephone number 879-4374.

Armstrong, the reigning Tour de France champion, caught the imagination of Lina when the 31-year-old American won the most prestigious cycling event in the entire globe for a record-breaking fourth straight time this season.

RP SKED IN BUSAN

Oct. 13, 2002

(Korea time 1 hr, ahead of RP time)

Athletics

9 a.m.—C. Martes, women's marathon (finals)

11 a.m.—E. Candelario, A. Jimar, R. Marfil, R. Tanuan Jr. 4x400m relay (finals, depending on previous rd results)

Basketball

1 p.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m.—Classification games (7th-8th, 5th-6th, 3rd-4th, depending on results of RP-Korea semifinal game)

Boxing

2 p.m.—H. Tanamor vs K. Sook, Korea, 48kg (light-flyweight), finals

Cycling

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—F. Feliciano, E. Quinones, MTB cross country (finals)

Diving

10 a.m.—R. Fabriga, 10m platform (prelim)

7 p.m.—10m platform (finals, depending on prelim results)

Taekwondo

2 to 9 p.m.—K. Tamayo vs N. Let, Vietnam, women's featherweight; M. Bonifacio vs. W. Ih, Chinese-Taipei, women's heavyweight (prelim up to finals)

Wushu

9 a.m. to 12 noon—L. So, women's nanquan 3 events; J. Hung, changquan 3 events; A. Tang, M. Rosales, chanquan 3 events (finals)

2:30 to 3:30 pm—M. Sicomen, 52 kg; R. Nganhayna, 56 kg; E. Polayang, 65kg, sanshou (finals, depending on semis results)

Kuerten boots out top seed Safin

LYON, France—Brazil's three-time French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten ousted top seed Marat Safin of Russia in a three set thriller 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3) here Friday at the $761,000 ATP tournament.

Safin was joined in the out tray later by the last seeded player French third seed Sebastien Grosjean, who was defeated by compatriot Arnaud Clement 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Another Frenchman Paul Henri-Mathieu kept his hopes alive of a second successive ATP title defeating experienced Swede Jonas Bjorkman despite worries over a pulled thigh muscle and he will play unheralded Dane qualifier Kristian Pless, who beat Nicolas Escude.

In Filderstadt, Germany, defending champion Lindsay Davenport, battling a hip strain, was beaten in the quarter-finals of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix on Friday, losing 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to sixth seeded Kim Clijsters.

But fifth seed Amelie Mauresmo of France reached her third successive semi-final when she overcame the tenacious Tatiana Panova of Russia 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile, world No. 1 and Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt withdrew from next week's Tennis Masters Series event in Madrid due to illness, the ATP said Friday. *AFP*

SPORTSWATCH

Hingis takes break

ZURICH—Former world number one Martina Hingis announced on Friday she would take an indefinite break from tennis following disappointing results since her comeback from injury. "I will not play any more tournaments this year. I need to free my mind," she said on Friday. The 22-year-old Swiss, who returned to the women's tour in August following an ankle surgery, made the announcement at a news conference called to explain why she was not playing in next week's Swisscom Challenge tournament—the event that launched her professional career in 1994.

Reuters

Furyk seizes control

LAS VEGAS, Nevada—Jim Furyk continued his amazing play in the desert Friday, shooting a bogey-free eight-under-par 64 for sole possession of the lead after three rounds at the 90-hole Invensys Classic. A seven-time winner on the PGA Tour, Furyk torched the TPC at Summerlin, rolling in eight birdies at one of the event's three courses while matching his lowest round of the season. He has a lot of good memories of this event, which may no longer be known as the Invensys Classic after this season. *AFP*

'Schumi' takes pole

SUZUKA, Japan—Michael Schumacher took his Ferrari into pole position Saturday for the season-ending Japanese Grand Prix. In warm autumn sunshine, the 33-year-old German ace secured his seventh pole of the season and the 50th of his career. His teammate Rubens Barrichello will start second on the grid for Sunday's race, while McLaren's David Coulthard will occupy the third spot. *AFP*

'Fistorama' today

SAN MIGUEL Beer's "Fistorama" today features light flyweights RP No. 2 Rodel Quilation and Darios Alpante in 10 rounds and two super-featherweights bouts in four rounds between Jose Molina and Aristotle Cedo and Reynante Gopidan. The popular weekly boxing show is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and spotlights top sportscaster Ed Picson and boxing authority, Quinito Henson. Fistorama, now on its second season, is aired every Sunday noon on RPN 9. It is presented by San Miguel Beer.

NBA

17 days to opening on Oct. 30. Did you know that the Golden State Warriors actually led the NBA in one statistical category last season? They led the league in turnovers with an average of 17 per game.

Athletes lovers forever

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—If you want a nice dream about the Asian Games, dream about beating Singapore. The tiny island of less than four million has five gold medals against the Philippines' two. The dream is attainable because we are a country of 70 million people.

If you want a nightmare, try dreaming about defeating China, whose gold medal collection, as of Wednesday, was 120. China's population is close to two billion.

We believe we can beat Singapore. Either we don't know how to do it, or simply refuse to execute our knowledge about how to beat the Singaporeans.

We know we cannot defeat China. But we compete against them in the Asian Games just the same. Or in the Olympics for that matter.

Those are two different matters—beating Singapore and bowing to China.

The first is about winning, the second is about reality.

Why we cannot defeat Singapore in the Asian Games is because Singapore competes only in sports where they can possibly win gold medals.

They won three in bowling, two in sailing; they must have competed in only 10 sports. In short, percentage-wise, Singapore has the highest winning percentage among all the 44 nations entered in the 16-day Asiad.

The Philippines is in 31 of the 38 disciplines entered in the Games calendar; only in six events do the Filipinos have chances of winning. So far, the country has won only a gold medal each in bowling and billiards. Two-of-29.

China is reality because nobody beats a world-beater. While the Chinese are already at par with sports superpowers like the Americans, we cannot even top the Southeast Asian Games. We lost the championship by one gold medal in 1991 and that's only because we hosted the biennial meet in Manila.

The Chinese are here not to win but simply to test their athletes. The Asiad is Showtime. Exposure trip even. They are so strong that they can send their third stringers and still gobble up the lion's share. They are like resource speakers in a forum whose participants come to learn from Ph. Ds.

But we compete against them because we live in the same continent, whose love affair with sports is as old as Buddhism. Sports is co-existing, the marriage of weak and strong nations.

Competition is not all about winning. To losers, defeat is part and parcel of fostering friendship among nations. Both the 25 winners and 19 countries here still without a win know that.

In sports, both the winner and loser are ambassadors of goodwill.

Lovers forever, if you will. Drilon should learn a thing or two about humility from athletes. Can't you see the loser and winner embracing each other after a fight, even when a boxer has lost a tooth, if not suffered a bizarre blackeye?

There is no hatred among athletes, no divorce in sports.

WUSHU

Co pockets bronze

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—Filipino Bobby Co snared the bronze medal by the slimmest of margin yesterday in the men's taijiquan two events combined of wushu competitions of the 14th Asian Games at the Dongseo University Sports Complex.

The 29-year-old, 5-foot-6 bet from Caloocan City amassed 18.65 points for two days as he nipped Japanese Toshiya Watanabe (18.64 points) for third place.

South Korea's Yang Seong Chan ruled the event with 18.88 points at the expense of Chinese-Taipei's 18.83.

Co's teammate, Eduard Folayang, got knocked out by Thai Angkarn Chomphuphuang in the men's san shou 65kg semifinals and settled for the bronze medal.

Another Filipino, May Lim, wound up 10th in the women's taijiquan two events combined. The 5-foot-2 Lim, who hails from Zambales, garnered 18.64 points.

Myanmar's Khaing Khaing Maw secured the gold with 18.96 points, followed by Hong Kong's Fai Li (18.83) and Singapore's Yin Yin Liew.

Wushu action resumes today with Lily So and Janice Hung taking part in the nanquan 3 events and changquan 3 events, respectively. Arvin Tang and Mark Rosales test their mettle in the changquan 3 event finals.

Pinay equestriennes ...

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Women's middleweight Sally Solis and men's middle Dindo Simpao took a bronze each to give taekwondo five bronzes with only featherweight Kalindi Tamayo and heavy Margarita Bonifacio slated to fight today.

Solis lost, 2-4, to China's Chen Zhong after making to the semis by the luck of the draw.

Simpao beat Pakistan's Mohammad Akzar Muhammad, 8-3, in his first bout then toppled Afghanistan's Nazari Parwiz, 4-2.

He sprained his left ankle in his bout against Parwis, however, and had to forfeit the semis match with Korean Kim Hyung Hun.

The other Filipinos—bantam Manuela Rivero Jr.— fell to Jordan's Al-Azmar Ali, 19-15, in the first round.

2002 Busan Asian Games

DREAM 4 GOLD

Paradorn brings cheers

BUSAN, South Korea—Thai tennis star Paradorn Srichaphan struck gold at the Asian Games here Saturday as the Southeast Asian kingdom's two top boxing medal hopes suffered upset defeats of day 14.

Paradorn overcame a partisan crowd and a stiff shoulder to clinch a deserved gold medal in the men's singles final, defeating South Korea's Lee Hyung-Taik 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

But Thai joy at 23-year-old Paradorn's victory was tempered when boxers Manon Boonjumnong and Pannon Suban, both fancied to win gold medals, were dramatically beaten in the semi-finals.

Welterweight star Manon ended up being well-beaten by South Korea's Kim Jung-Joo 28-13 while Harry Tanamor of the Philippines dug in for a 35-26 decision over Pannon.

Earlier Paradorn, who has enjoyed his best ever season this year, sealed his emergence as Asian tennis' best player to subdue the challenge of Lee and unsporting home fans.

With Korean supporters cheering noisily at every mistake, Paradorn looked rattled at one point until he settled into his rhythm.

"I understand that they get excited so I just had to get used to it but it didn't help when they shout out as I am playing a shot," the Thai said afterwards. "They made it very tough out there today." Paradorn later revealed he might not defend his title at the 2006 Asiad in Doha. "I will be 27-years-old when the next Games come around and I may not play. I will have to see because I have to shake up my schedule to get to the Games," he told reporters.

In the boxing arena meanwhile, Thailand's worst fears came true when Manon was beaten by his Korean opponent.

Thailand have criticized officiating at the games but their two best fighters could not complain about defeat on Saturday.

The skillful Manon paid the price for trying to fight at distance against a limited but aggressive opponent, who dropped the Thai to the canvas in the third round.

Pannon always struggled to cope against Tanamor, an explosive puncher who swarmed all over the Thai light flyweight.

Elsewhere Saturday track and field resumed at the Busan Main Stadium, with the outstanding performance coming from China's 5,000m runner Sun Yingjie, who bagged her second gold of the games after an earlier win in the 10,000m.

Sun shattered the games record by more than a minute was a mere 12 seconds outside the world best, finishing in a time of 14min 40.42sec.

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Lady Archers claim 4th title

By Dennis U. Eroa

SAN Pablo City-pride Regina Velarde struck hardest as La Salle registered the four-peat by frustrating Adamson, 67-63, in the decider of the best-of-three championship series for the UAAP women's title yesterday at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The 5-foot-6 Velarde bucked a hurting right ankle, scoring La Salle's last six points, including four pressure-packed charities which shattered the game's last deadlock at 61-61, 1:38 remaining.

The victory gave La Salle some measure of consolation after it lost the men's basketball title to Ateneo last week.

Members of the La Salle alumni association headed by its president Lito Tanjuatco, parents and supporters whooped it up as the final buzzer sounded, obviously relieved that the Lady Archers were able to extend their reign.

Velarde sprained her ankle after a bad fall midway in the fourth quarter. The Manalo twins, Jessica and Jessamine, Jessica Severino and Princess Mariano kept La Salle in control of the match with their timely baskets.

Adamson ace Minerva Narciza fouled out in the fourth after struggling with 13 points, but Analisa Dayson and Dorothy Torres took up the scoring cudgels for the Falconettes as they sizzled from the outside, 61-61.

Velarde, however, wasn't in the mood to surrender. With her ankle heavily-bandaged, Velarde silenced the Adamson bench with a slashing drive.

The crowd's jeering also stoked the competitive fire in Velarde as she trooped to the foul shot after getting fouled by Dayson in the ensuing play. She made both as the Lady Archers stayed ahead, 65-61, 20 seconds remaining.

Jessica and Jessamine Manalo killed Adamson's hopes with their pinpoint passes, while Severino, Mariano and Santos shone with their airtight defense.

After it swept the eliminations, La Salle won Game One of the best-of-three, 72-63, but bowed, 58-54, in Game Two.

SCORES:

LA SALLE 67–Velarde 23, Mariano 14, Severino 11, Manalo Jessica 7, Manalo 4, Prado 4, Santos 2, Mañosca 2, Galan 0, Mitra 0.

ADAMSON 63–Dayson 21, Torres 19, Narciza 13, Gadian 7, Dumayag 2, Rearte 1, Costantino 0, Yanez 0, Lomogda 0.

Quarters: 15-13, 39-27, 57-49, 67-63

Wind Blown top pick in Speaker's Cup today

TWO-TIME Horse of the Year winner Wind Blown leads the field competing in this afternoon's P1-million Speaker's Cup, highlight event of the five-day CSFI "Race for Life" racing festival at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

The racefest is spearheaded by the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc., in cooperation with the Manila Jockey Club Inc. Sponsors are the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Department of Public Works and Highways, PLDT and Smart Communications.

No less than House Speaker Jose de Venecia has been invited to the affair to award the championship trophy to the connections of the winning entry in the day's featured track encounter.

"The presence of Speaker Jose de Venecia is indicative of the broad support of the 'Race for Life' project which aims to raise funds for the construction of a temporary refuge facility for Metro Manila's street children," said CSFI president Gina de Venecia.

Challenging Wind Blown in the Pagcor-sponsored 'Speaker's Cup' are multiple stake winner Batangas Entry, seasoned come-from-behind galloper Lyonnais and speedy Staunch Ally, the last horse to have beaten Wind Blown.

The heavily favored Wind Blown, owned by businessman and leading horse owner Herminio "Hermie" Esguerra, has been assessed top weight of 61 kgs for the 2,050-meter journey, giving away seven kilos to the next rated entry in the field.

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LGBA derby

PROMINENT pitfighters from Luzon gird up for a grand battle at the Mandaluyong Coliseum on Oct. 21 and 23 when the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) 1st Stag Series 2002 6-Stag Derby' unfolds.

The event will be the first in a series of four stagfests conceptualized by LGBA this year, according to LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz. Participants are gunning for the coveted LGBA Cocker of the Year, along with other awards and cash prizes.

For inquiries, please contact 531-4003, 531-4005, 534-4110 and 535-2341 or 635-4799 (Mr. Rene Diaz). LGBA secretariat can be reached at 911-8969 and 867-2449.

adidas 14th Asian Games medal tally

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOTAL
China	138	75	65	278
South Korea	78	72	80	230
Japan	43	68	68	179
Kazakhstan	18	21	27	66
Thailand	10	13	9	32
Uzbekistan	10	11	22	43
India	10	10	12	32
Chinese Taipei	8	15	21	44
N. Korea	8	11	11	30
Iran	6	11	14	31
Saudi Arabia	6	1	1	8
Malaysia	5	8	14	27
Singapore	5	2	10	17
Hong Kong	4	5	9	18
Qatar	4	5	6	15
Vietnam	4	4	5	13
Indonesia	3	7	9	19
Bahrain	3	2	2	7
PHILIPPINES	2	4	14	20
Sri Lanka	2	1	2	5
Kuwait	2	0	4	6
Myanmar	1	5	5	11
Turkmenistan	1	2	1	4
Mongolia	1	1	10	12
Lebanon	1	0	0	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	4	6	10
Pakistan	0	2	6	8
Tajikistan	0	2	4	6
UAE	0	2	1	3
Macau	0	1	2	3
Bangladesh	0	1	0	1
Syria	0	0	3	3
Jordan	0	0	2	2
Nepal	0	0	2	2
Brunei	0	0	1	1
Yemen	0	0	1	1
Palestine	0	0	1	1

*As of 8 p.m

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1997, Frankie Miñoza fired a one-over-par 73 to finish tied for sixth in the Tokai Classic men's golf tournament in Miyoshi, Japan. Also today in 1997, Romeo Cacatian timed 35:24.27 to win the regional eliminations of the 21st National Milo Marathon at the Rizal Triangle in Olongapo.

'Para' wins; China passes '98 haul

By Phil Brown
AP Writer

BUSAN, South Korea—Paradorn Srichaphan, who has beaten some of the world's best, gave Thailand the gold medal it sought Saturday in Asian Games tennis.

While the Thais, with 10 golds in all, were in a contest with India for fifth in the medals race, China pushed its gold total above the 129 it won four years ago in Bangkok.

Chinese won four of the day's eight canoeing races. China also gained golds in three women's events — runner Sun Yingjie, a decisive winner in the 5,000 meters, hammer thrower Gu Yuan and cross country cyclist Ma Yanping.

That lifted China's total to 136 gold medals. In all, 419 are at stake in these games, which end Monday. The 1998 games had 378 gold medals.

The Chinese advanced to the gold medal game in women's basketball with a 92-69 victory over Japan.

South Korea lifted its total to 77, and reclaimed its Asian Games men's hockey field hockey title from defending champion India with a 4-3 victory.

It also gained golds in women's team handball, the Chinese martial art of wushu and women's doubles tennis, where Kim Mi-ok and Choi Young-ja beat Indonesia's Wynne Adiati Prakusya and Angelique Widjaja 7-6 (3), 1-6, 6-3.

Japan improved to 42, incurring no penalty faults en route to gold in the equestrian team show jumping.

Myanmar won its first gold of the games, in wushu.

In the last games, South Korea finished with 65 golds and Japan with 52.

Middle East successes in men's distance races continued, meanwhile, with Bahrain's Rashid Ramzi winning the 1,500, ahead of two Chinese.

Saudi Arabia's Hussein Al-Saba won the men's long jump, 15 centimeters ahead of China's Li Dalong.

Thailand had counted on two tennis gold medals, but top-seeded woman Tamarine Tanasugarn lost her final Friday to Uzbekistan's Iroda Tulyaganova.

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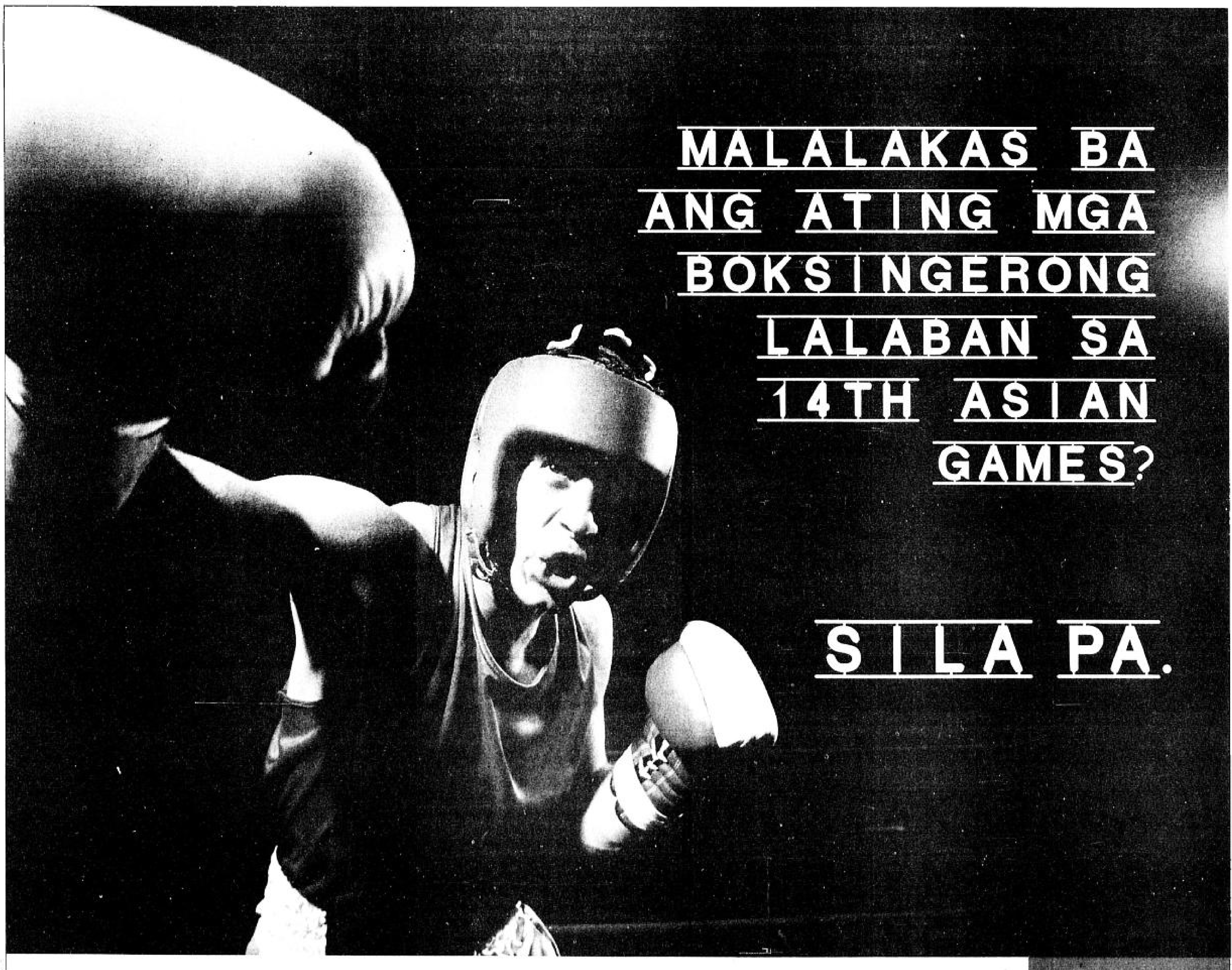
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ASIAD ATHLETICS

RP relay team in final

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—The Philippine men's team advanced to the final of the 4x400m relay yesterday, placing third in its heat as athletics competition of the 14th Asian Games kicked off at the Asiad Main Stadium here.

Jimar Aing, Ernie Candelario, Ronnie Marfil and Rodrigo Tanuan Jr. clocked 3:08.68 and made it to today's final with the Sri Lankans, who posted the best time of 3:04.75 and the Indians, who clocked 3:06.14. The Qataris also qualified in 3:09.54.

Long jumper Joebert Delicano, however, failed in his bid to break the oldest record in Philippine athletics as he wound up eighth in the event won by Saudi Arabia's Al Saba Hussein in a new Asiad record of 8.14m.

The 22-year-old Delicano could not improve on the 7.49m he cleared on his first try and finished eighth among 11 starters. He was aiming to break Nino Ramirez's 66-year-old standard of 7.65m.

"We've a very slim chance for a medal, but at least the boys reached the final," said Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association president Go Teng Kok. Christabel Martes continues the tracksters elusive search for a medal when he competes in the women's marathon final today.

NECK-AND-NECK BATTLE
The Philippine's Gretchen Malalad (left) engages Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Thu Trang in scuffle during the women's under-60kg kumite in the 14th Asian Games karatedo competition at Yangsan College Gymnasium in Busan, Friday. Malalad won the bout but lost to a Malaysian foe in the semifinal to settle for bronze.
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Manila Mayor Lito Atienza inspects parts of the benches stolen from Roxas Boulevard.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

MMDA: Selective lifting of color coding possible

By Leila B. Salaverria

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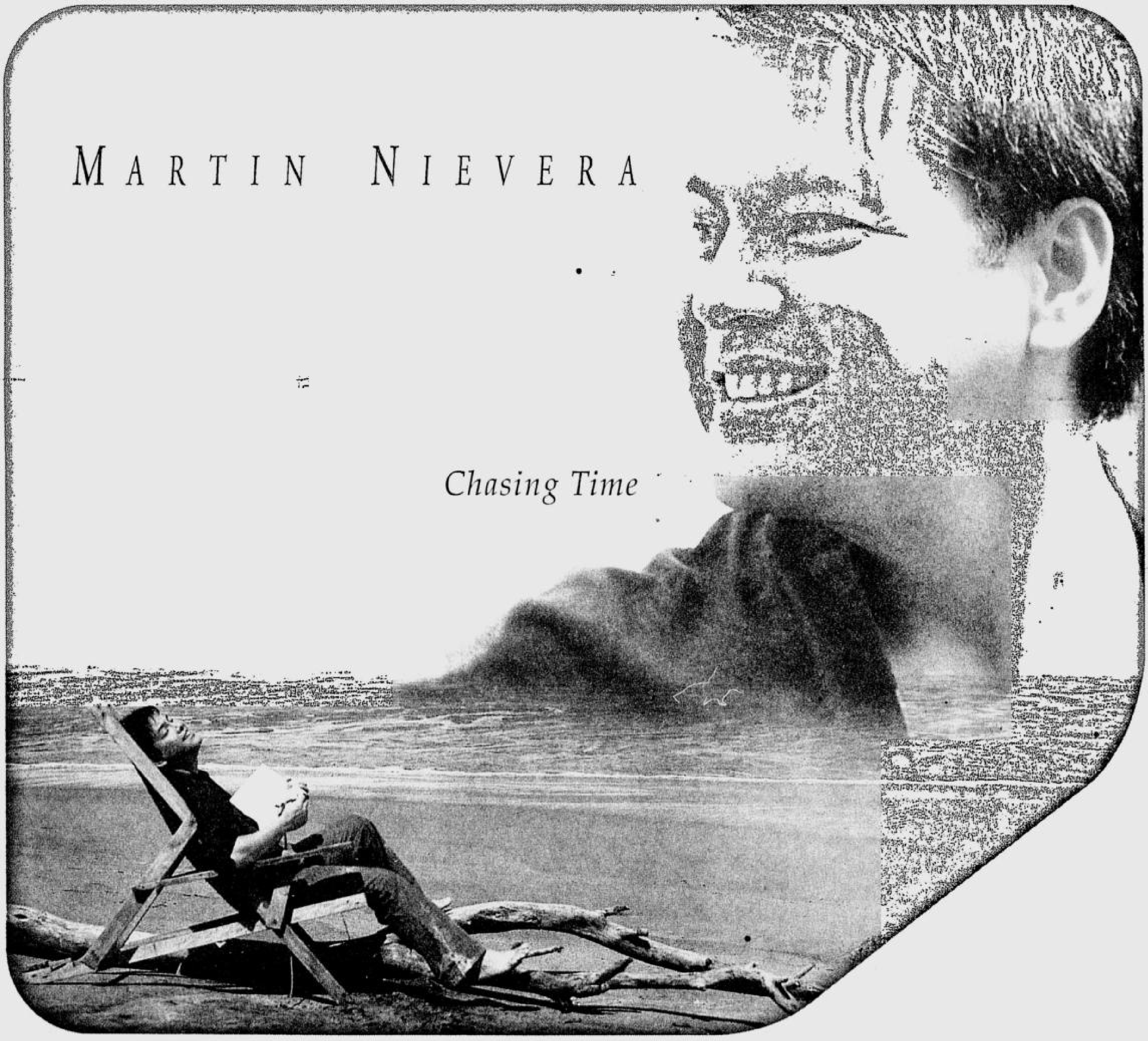

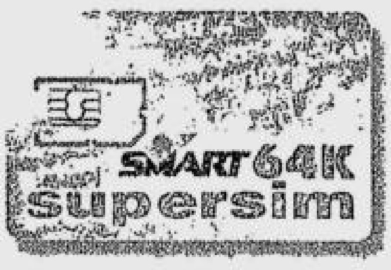

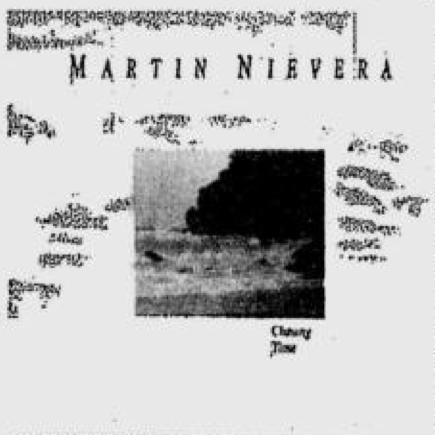

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Fernando unfazed by calls for his ouster

By Leila B. Salaverria

METRO MANILA Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando yesterday said he remains unfazed by the signature campaign which urban poor groups have launched to get him to stop his sidewalk clearing operations and to oust him from the MMDA.

"If I start my own signature campaign, I might be able to get more signatures supporting me than the urban poor groups," Fernando told the INQUIRER in a phone interview yesterday.

He said he is "okay" with the urban poor and vendors groups' protest against his campaign to remove all obstructions from the sidewalks as well as illegal settlers' homes along the Pasig River as part of the MMDA's flood control program.

"It is expected that there are those who would oppose the project," he said. "You can't make everybody happy. It's normal."

The MMDA's plan to remove sidewalk obstructions, including vendors, as well as illegal settlers' homes from the banks of waterways would benefit all the residents of Metro Manila, Fernando said.

He has said that the removal of sidewalk obstructions would help ease traffic congestion as well as minimize the amount of garbage on the streets, while the removal of illegal settlers' homes would alleviate flooding caused by garbage in waterways.

At the Kilosbayan forum on Friday, the MMDA chair defended his projects, saying they are not anti-poor because they would actually benefit the marginalized sector of society, as proved by what happened in Marikina, the city where Fernando was mayor for three terms.

He said this is because with more order and less anarchy on the streets, more businesses would flourish and the economic effect would soon trickle down to the poor.

"Our program against sidewalk vending looks simplistic, but I believe it is the only way to solve our problem," he said. "We have addressed the anarchy that breeds on the sidewalks."

He said the sidewalks represent the demarcation line between private and public property.

"On your property you may be king, you can do anything you want," he said. "But once you step on the sidewalk, that is government property governed by laws."

Urban poor groups have been continually protesting Fernando's sidewalk clearing operations, saying the MMDA is taking away their livelihood and making them suffer even more. The groups have also criticized Fernando's hard-nosed stance in his campaign, calling the MMDA chair "Hitler-like."

Missing benches found; resto man did it 'for fun'

By Jerome Aning

WESTERN Police District members on Friday finally found 25 benches stolen from the Roxas Boulevard promenade in Malate and arrested the suspected thief, a 49-year-old restaurateur.

"*Katuwaan lang* (It was just for fun)," was all suspect Maximo Viola could say when presented to media people yesterday by Mayor Lito Atienza and WPD director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong.

"We in the city government are trying hard to beautify Manila while you are stealing and destroying it," said the mayor, who was nevertheless visibily amused.

The benches were found in an apartment at 1721 Modesto St. in Malate. Only 10 of the benches were intact and the rest had been dismantled but could be reassembled.

Aside from facing charges of theft and destruction of government property, Viola is in hot water for allegedly trying to bribe the arresting officers with P30,000 cash.

Atienza said he was "puzzled, amazed and infuriated" by the "temerity" of Viola, a resident of 1808 San Marcelino St., Malate and owner of the Jorama Restaurant.

He said Viola, who was apparently well off and comes from a prominent and moneyed family, had to make several trips on separate days to steal the benches.

Bulaong said Viola was identified by two witnesses as the one who took the benches from Roxas Boulevard from Remedios to San Andres streets between Aug. 8 and Sept. 23.

Suspect Viola confronted by Atienza.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

New bikes donated for use of 'huli-agad' cops

THE *HAGAD* cops system of fielding policemen on motorcycle patrol and in quick reaction missions has been revived as part of the "huli-agad" system in Metro Manila.

A total of 169 rookie policemen began a five-day, intensive course on basic and advanced riding at the regional police headquarters in Bicutan beginning Oct. 9.

"This is the National Capital Region Police Office's way of showing concrete support for the all-out war against crime declared by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr.," said NCRPO chief Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco.

Funds

He said this comes with funding support from the Philippine National Police Foundation Inc. (PNFI), a non-stock, non-profit, private organization.

The training courses on basic and advance riding were offered to the Norkis Trading Co.'s technical service department as an added service after the turnover of 100 powerful Yamaha motorcycles.

The riding course graduates will serve as the backbone of the "Huli-Agad" brigade that will be assigned to prowl the streets at all hours of the day.

The program became a reality only last June when the PNP Foundation donated 100 Yamaha motorcycles to jumpstart the program before Leandro Mendoza, then chief of the PNP, was transferred to the Department of Transportation and Communications.

The "Huli-Agad" program was envisioned by the foundation and the police leadership to drastically cut the time it takes for police to respond to complaints of ongoing crimes and other peace and order reports.

Before the force was fully activated, reaction time from the moment a complaint was phoned to the police ranged from almost no response to a short five and half minutes.

Helicopters

The fielding of "huli-agad" cops is meant to increase the number of patrol vehicles for crime fighting in the metropolis. In the long term, a few helicopters will also be added, according to Velasco.

Motorcycles were chosen for the use of special strike force members and for patrol since Metro Manila suffers from severe traffic gridlocks and motorcycles enable cops to move around fast, Velasco explained.

PNPFI officials led by its chair, Tarlac Rep. Gilbert Teodoro, committed to raise the funds for the implementation of the system.

Additional motorcycles, like the 13 units donated by Mandaluyong City Mayor Benhur Abalos Jr., were assigned to the donor's police districts.

Crime rate

PNPFI executive director Ricardo Crisostomo says the "huli-agad" program is expected to drastically cut down the crime rate before the yearend when strategic areas will have about 400 policemen on motorcycles.

Although the PNPFI has aimed to increase the 100 units already on the streets to the ideal number of 400, it says it may only be able to deliver another 100 units to the PNP and to the regional police this year.

Other groups can pitch in and donate the remainder, the foundation says.

Deputy Director General Velasco explained that "huli-agad" is closely linked to two other police programs — "broken window" and "magic eye," a system of crime reporting that Velasco himself launched soon after he was named to head the police in the biggest, most difficult region to keep safe.

NY model

The "broken window" strategy was patterned after the system of crime mapping evolved and perfected by the New York Police District to tame the wild, inner city crime zones and to break the backbone of organized criminals in what was once known as the most dangerous city in the United States.

The local crime maps identified crime-prone areas like large communities of squatters that breed criminals, shopping center and banking districts that attract robbers and shop lifters, and Chinese communities that are vulnerable to kidnapping attempts.

The three frontline programs are mainstays of a scientific policing system being implemented in Metro Manila, a system that can also be used by police in other urban centers in the country in the succeeding years, according to explained.

'Proposed facility will do away with scavengers'

By Leila B. Salaverria

NOT glorified scavengers but no scavengers at all.

Reacting to criticism from an environment group that opposes his plan to bring Metro Manila's garbage to Southern Luzon, Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando said the proposed dumpsite and material recovery facility (MRF) that would take in the trash would eliminate scavengers.

"It's not true that the residents of the provinces (where the dumpsite and MRF are to be built) would turn into glorified scavengers," he told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "The scavengers would be eliminated because there would be no more people who would climb the mountains of trash to sort through it."

This was because the facilities to be built in the chosen area would be "high-tech" so that the handling of the garbage would be mechanized and there would be little human handling of the trash, Fernando said.

"There would be a mechanized sorting of the trash and the workers would not be directly handling the garbage," he said.

He said the residents of the chosen province would be considered factory workers if they work in the MRF and other factories expected to sprout in the area.

The MMDA chair added he expects environmentalist groups to oppose his project, but that he hopes the groups would understand its necessity.

Asked about the MMDA's alleged non-implementation of Republic Act No. 9003 or the Solid Waste Management Act, Fernando claimed it is in effect being implemented in the homes of Metro Manila residents.

"Nobody throws away things that still have use and still have value," he said.

The Concerned Citizens Against Pollution had said that Fernando's plan to bring Metro Manila's garbage to the south would be disastrous for the chosen area because it would turn the residents into "glorified scavengers."

METROBRIEFS

Manhunt in QC

CENTRAL Police District officials yesterday ordered the arrest of five members of the Galas Police Station Drug Enforcement Unit accused of summarily executing an Army reservist last week. CPD director Senior Supt. Napoleon Castro said suspects PO1s Henry Garcia, Noel Garcia, Joseph Mike Prado, a certain Gadal and a Velasco, failed to appear before his office to explain the charges. The five allegedly killed Cresenciano "Cris" Gonzales, a member of the UP Vanguard and resident of Barangay Sta. Teresita, Banawe, Quezon City. The body of the victim was stuffed inside a drum and burned on Wednesday in Fairview, Quezon City. CPD sources said the lawmen might have mistaken Gonzales for a drug dealer. The suspects will be charged with murder and kidnapping on Monday.

Alcuin Papa

Executions in Manila

HISTORIC Intramuros in Manila is fast turning into a dumping ground for salvage victims. For the second time this week, a man's body stuffed inside a sack was found on Friday at the corner of Anda and Sta. Lucia Streets, near the Commission on Elections building in Intramuros, said Detective Diomedes Labarda. Identified only as Danny, the victim had two stab wounds in the stomach and another in the chest. Danny was described as about 33 year old, 5-foot-4, and of medium build. He was clad in a gray t-shirt, beige short pants and black sandals, Labarda said. On Tuesday, the body of another man was found in Intramuros. Witnesses told police that a man on board an unlicensed silver Mitsubishi car dumped the body at the back of the Manila Post Office building at 4:20 a.m. Thursday. Police said two witnesses saw the suspect's car drive by the Post Office twice. ***Philip Tubeza***

Robbery in Navotas

FISHERMAN Sherwin Toldera, 20, was arrested Thursday for allegedly robbing a house in Navotas. Felisitas Mamburao, a stay-in helper of the house that was robbed, told police that Toldera stole a total of P230,000 in cash and jewelry. Mamburao said Toldera used the open window in the bathroom to get into the house on Domingo Street, Tangos, Navotas at around 2 a.m. and fled through the front door. Police arrested Toldera, of Bagong Estrada Street, Tangos, and recovered P180,000 of the stolen cash. ***Tina Santos***

Arrest in V. Luna

POLICEMEN seized a hand grenade and an unlicensed gun from Roberto Gonzales and Dionisio Villablanca in Quezon City on Friday. Gonzales, 23, of Barangay Bungahan, Malolos, Bulacan, and Villablanca, 26, of Yale, Cubao, Quezon City, were arrested on the corner of Matapang and V. Luna Streets, Quezon City at around 5 p.m. Police said Villablanca has just been released on drug charges. According to reports, policemen on routine patrol accosted the suspects who were acting suspiciously. When the searched the suspects, they found the .38-caliber revolver and fragmentation grenade hidden in the underwear of one of the suspects.

Alcuin Papa

NBI monitors suspected NPA lairs

By Jerome Aning

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has joined the Philippine National Police in monitoring suspected New People's Army lairs in the metropolis to thwart any possible attack.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco told reporters in a recent interview that the monitoring was tasked by the National Security Council.

Bureau units in cooperation with the police are currently watching over suspected area where NPA cells are based.

Wycoco said both the NBI and the PNP are verifying reports that the NPA has set up "forward bases" in depressed areas in Tondo, Manila and Pasay City.

The NBI monitoring of the two areas, however, has yet to yield positive results, according to the NBI chief.

1,170 graduates from LP center

A TOTAL of 1,170 residents of Las Piñas graduated from vocational and technical courses at the Las Piñas Manpower Center in recent rites at the Verdant Covered court in Barangay Pamplona III.

The Las Piñas City Manpower Training Center is a priority program of Las Piñas City Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar that provides free vocational and technical courses for the city residents, particularly out of school youth.

Every year, more than 2,000 residents, mostly youth, avail themselves of the technical and vocational courses at the center without paying a single centavo, according to a statement from Aguilar's office.

The graduates are also given employment assistance.

The city"s free manpower center has already produced more than 10,000 skilled city residents since it started in 1995.

Many graduates are now employed in various companies in Las Piñas. Some have even put up small businesses of their own.

The training center has been cited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) as one of the best technical and vocational schools in the country.

It is also considered one of the most awarded training centers in the country, having won medals in skills Olympics in the Philippines and in other parts of Asia.

MMDA: Selective...

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fic Operations Center Angelito Vergel de Dios said that in his opinion, a selective lifting is possible instead of a sweeping abolition of the UVVRP.

Vergel de Dios said the Metro Manila Council has yet to discuss the merits and demerits of the UVVRP, but some council members have expressed their desire to retain it.

"Not all local government units, like Makati and Mandaluyong, want to abolish the UVVRP because they want to reduce the number of vehicles in their area," Vergel de Dios said in a recent interview. Makati is the country's foremost financial district, while Mandaluyong is home to large shopping malls and to a bustling business district.

But the traffic director added that there are areas where the UVVRP is not needed at all and may even be nuisance.

"Take for example Marikina," he said. "If you live there and you want to go to Rizal, you can't use your car if the UVVRP is in effect even if you won't be passing Metro Manila."

He said areas on the border of Metro Manila, like Marikina and Pasig, may have no need for the UVVRP because the vehicular traffic that passes through there is not that unmanageable.

The UVVRP was implemented in order to reduce the number of vehicles on the road and to ease traffic congestion. It prohibits private vehicles from plying main thoroughfares in Metro Manila during one day of the week, depending on the last digit of the vehicles' license plate number.

Shortly after stepping in as MMDA chair, Bayani Fernando said he would order a review of the UVVRP and study the possibility of abolishing it because he said the scheme might not be as effective as expeeted.

He had said that the UVVRP keeps only 4 percent of vehicles off the road.

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NEW DIRECTOR

Presidential appointee Azor Sichon (middle), accompanied by his wife Marilou, is sworn in by Environmental and Natural Resources Secretary Heherson Alvarez as a new Director III.

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

PEDERO

Pedero conducts money seminar

LIFE enhance coach Dero Pedero conducts a timely and enlightening seminar, "Money, Money! Secret Principles of Money and Prosperity."

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The first Pedero money seminar will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m. on the Roof Deck of the Buendia Tower, 501 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., between Bautista and Taft.

Students who register one week before the session get a 50 percent discount.

For more information about the "Money, Money!" and Pedero's ongoing "Make Your Impossible Dreams Come True!" seminars, e-mail DeroSeminar@yahoo.com or text/call 0920-4053233.

Concert for inmates

IN THE EFFORT to uplift the lot of inmates of the New Bilibid Prison and the Correctional Institute for Women, the Department of Justice Ladies Circle will hold a concert, 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio, Makati City.

Gary Valenciano performs in "A Night To Remember," with other celebrity guest performers.

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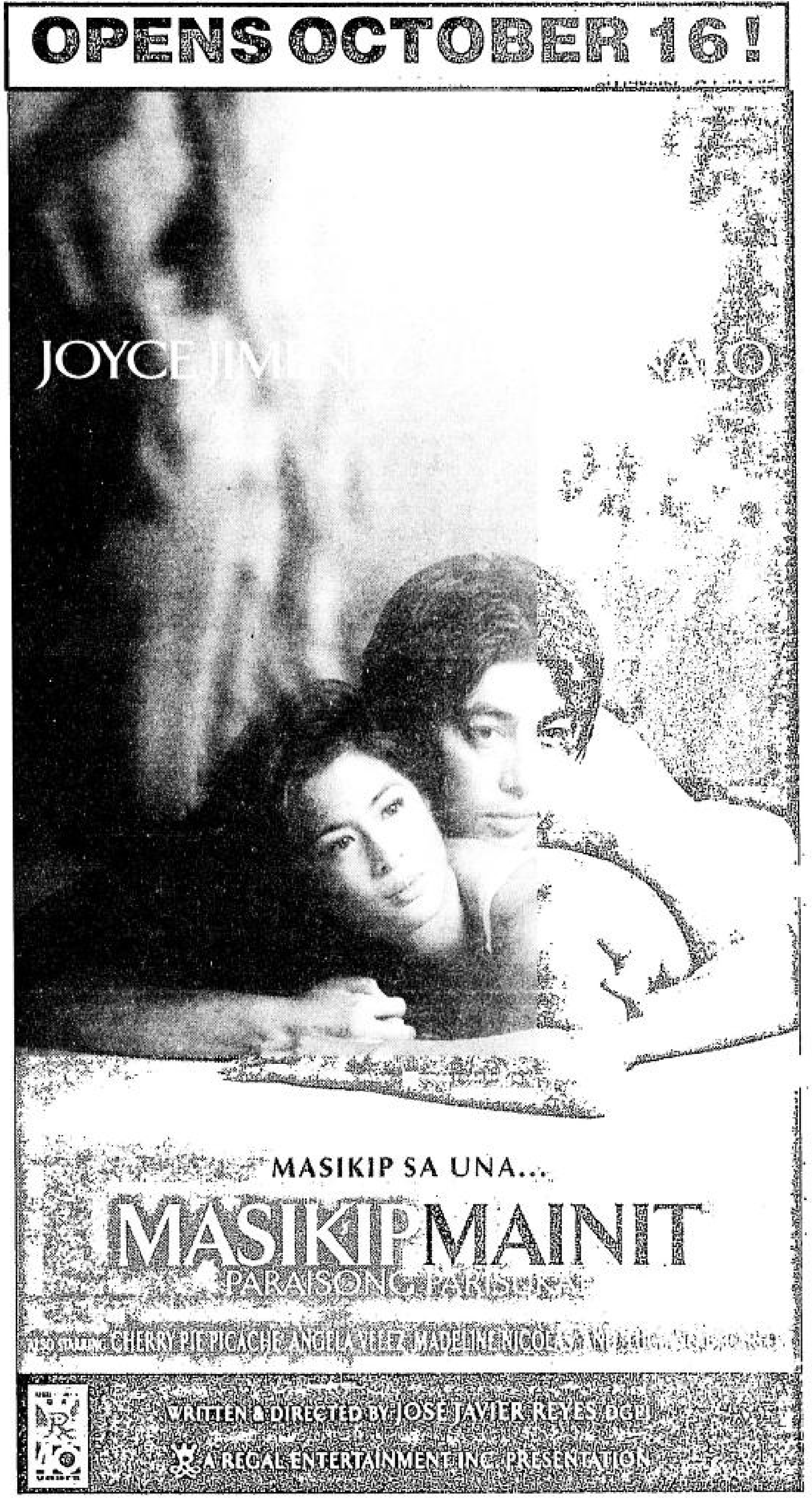

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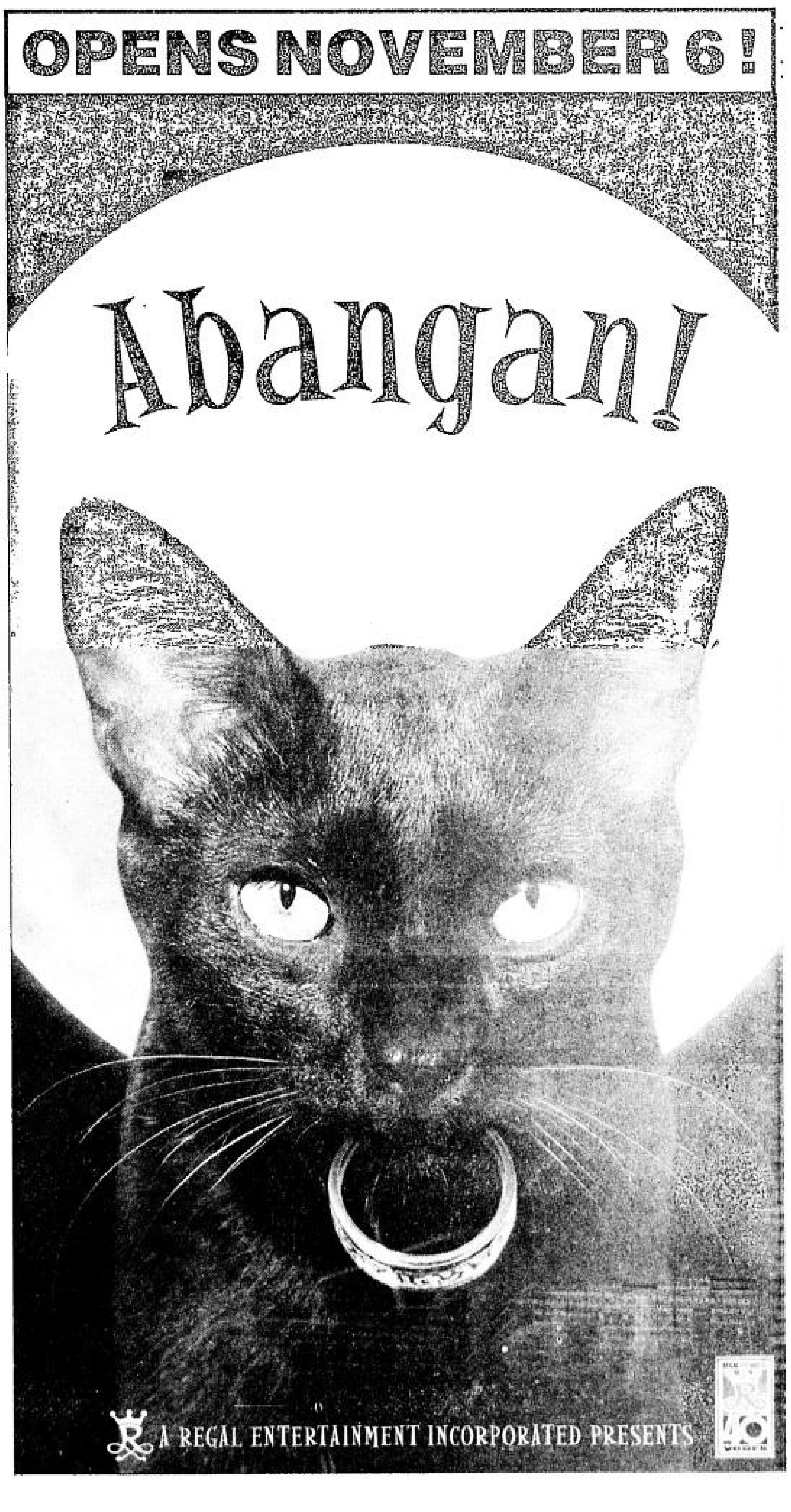

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Regal turns 40 with a bang

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

ONE of the country's leading production outfits, Regal Entertainment, is turning 40 this month. And Regal Films matriarch **Lily Monteverde** is leaving no stones unturned in ensuring a grand celebration to mark her company's 40th year.

To reinforce its leading status in the local filmmaking scene, Regal will make the milestone unforgettable by releasing several big-budget flicks.

The film bonanza starts with the P40 million horror special effects offering, "Singsing ni Lola."

The film is a follow up to last year's Metro Manila Film Festival blockbuster, "Bahay ni Lola." Both movies were directed by **Uro de la Cruz.**

Regal joins forces with Optima Digital, the outfit which enhanced the special effects in "Singsing ni Lola."

It will be recalled that "Bahay ni Lola" scored the biggest box office triumph in last year's Metro Manila Filmfest.

Although "Singsing ni Lola" is not a festival entry this year, Mother Lily is optimistic the movie will enjoy the same box office success as its predecessor.

The suspense-horror thriller boasts a powerhouse cast led by veteran actress **Gloria Romero**, with **Gina Alajar, Aiza Seguerra, Joel Torre, Allan K,** and newcomers **Maxene Magallona, Dindin Llarena, Glaiza de Castro, Von Aleli** and **Raily Valeroso.**

Mother Lily started in film production with Regal Films in the early '60s, when she bankrolled with a foreign film producer the **John Saxon-Fernando Poe Jr.** starrer, "Intramuros: Walls of Hell." A few years earlier, Regal released the reissued version of the movie, "All Mine to Give."

In 1974, Mother Lily produced her first Tagalog film, "Kayod sa Umaga, Kayod sa Gabi," which starred **Elizabeth Oropesa, Ronaldo Valdez, Orestes Ojeda** and Gi-

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Regal turns 40 with a bang

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na Pareño.

In the '80s, Regal launched to stardom the likes of **Maricel Soriano**, **Gabby Concepcion**, **William Martinez**, **Snooky Serna** and **Dina Bonnevie** through its teenage romantic flicks which became huge box office earners.

"Movies are fun," Mother Lily says. "My films are something that I really treasure. When it comes to producing movies, it's easy to know what's good or bad. Sometimes, the box office results can be very disappointing but that doesn't make me stop. I want to continue producing movies."

Mother Lily's children—**Roselle**, **Dondon**, **Meme** and **Goldwyn**—help her run her businesses. Since she produces the movies, she also owns the video rights to her films.

"Singsing ni Lola," which will be shown Nov. 6, kicks off an impressive lineup of films for Regal's anniversary celebration.

On Oct. 26, the film outfit will have a grand presentation on GMA 7's "Eat Bulaga," with its past and present contract stars.

For the filmfest in December, Regal will field in **Chito Roño's** "Spirit Warriors 2" with the Streetboys and the star-studded "Mano Po," with **Eddie Garcia**, Maricel Soriano, **Richard Gomez**, **Kris Aquino**, **Ara Mina**, **Jay Manalo** and **Cogie Domingo**, directed by **Joel Lamangan.** "

The other upcoming productions are Lamangan's "Bahid," which topbills **Assunta de Rossi**; "Two-Timer" with Ara Mina in the lead; "Una at Huli," starring Richard Gomez and **Aubrey Miles**; and "Bakit Papa?" with the Sexbomb Girls, Allan K, **Jeffrey Quizon**, **Richard Gutierrez** and **Chynna Ortaleza.**

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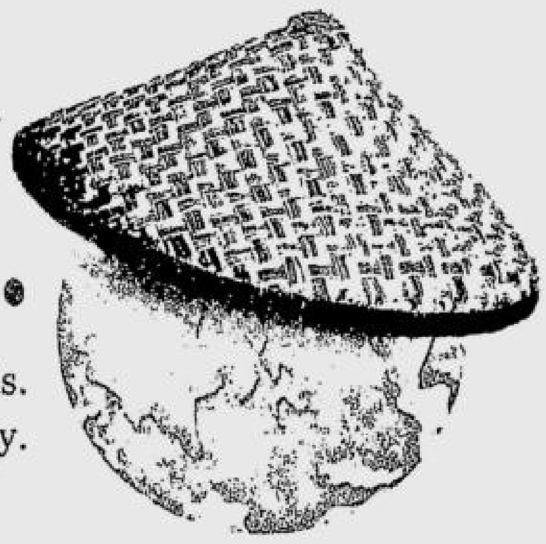

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Benigni plays Pinocchio

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

ITALIAN actor-filmmaker **Roberto Benigni** delighted viewers around the world with his Chaplinesque film, "Life Is Beautiful." After that movie reaped acclaim worldwide, plus three Oscars in 1999 the big question was: How would Benigni follow upon that outstanding success? "Life Is Beautiful" is a tough act to follow, indeed.

Well, the word's out that Benigni's new film is his new take on the well-loved fairy tale, "Pinocchio." The project was conceptualized and shot with such secrecy that news about it has come out only one week before it opens in Italian cinemas. The film will have a Christmas release in the United States.

Benigni both stars in and directs the film, which was first filmed in 1940 as a cartoon feature by Walt Disney. A capsule review praises it as "a brilliant, timeless animated film, based on the Collodi story about an inquisitive, tale-spinning wooden puppet who wants more than anything else to become a real boy.

"Technically dazzling, emotionally rich, with unforgettable characters and some of the scariest scenes ever put on film (Lampwick's transformation into a jackass, the chase with Monstro the whole). A joy, no matter how many times you see it. Its songs are the icing on the cake, including the Oscar-winning 'When You Wish Upon a Star'."

In 1964, the story was jazzed up, updated, and filmed as "Pinocchio in Outer Space," which is described as a "watchable cartoon adventure for kids, with unmemorable songs."

And in 1987, the original tale was continued in another animated feature, "Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night," reviewed as an "uninspired extension of the Pinocchio story: now a real boy, he is guided by 'Gee Whilikers,' a wooden bug come to life, and they enjoy many adventures which parallel the Disney classic. Fully animated by Filmation studios, but an embarrassment next to the 1940 gem."

Will Benigni's 2002, live-action version stand up to Walt Disney's classic animated feature? Since films are generally released here at approximately the same time as they open their run in the US, come Christmastime, we'll find out.

Special treats on NGC

THE NATIONAL Geographic Channel has lined up some special programs this month. Keep an eye out for:

Monday, Oct. 21 at 9 p.m., "Curse of the Methuselah Tree." Ever wonder what's the continually longest living thing on earth? This show focuses on it: a 5,000-year-old Bristlecone pine tree in the mountains north of California's Death Valley. Having outlived many generations, it is called Methuselah, and holds in its tree rings the evidence of natural and human history, from giant volcanic cataclysms to modern-day pollution.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 9 p.m., "Me and **Isaac Newton**." The first show in a series about the world's greatest thinkers, seven extraordinary people who solved centuries-old mysteries by using extremely creative ideas and theories.

Friday, Oct. 25 at 9 p.m., "Have My Liver." When **John Vilardi** is diagnosed with liver cancer, his sister **Felicia** risks her life in one of the latest advances in medicine, and becomes a living transplant donor. Two-thirds of Felicia's liver is given to John. In a short time, both the donor's and the patient's livers grow to full size. But John runs the risk of his body rejecting the liver. Follow John, Felicia and their families as they figure in this life-and-death drama.

CMMA finalists

"RADYO Balintataw" on DZRH is a finalist in this year's Catholic Mass Media Awards for best radio drama series. Also a CMMA finalist, this time as best special event coverage is the Christmas concert "Pamaas," which was shown nationwide over NBN-4, RPN-9 and IBC-13 last Dec. 9, 2001. **Cecile Guidote-Alvarez** produced both shows.

Buffy on 23

ALL new "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" episodes are being aired on Studio 23 every Monday at 8 p.m. **Sarah Michelle Gellar** plays the title character, a quick-witted girl whose duty as the sole vampire slayer of her generation is to protect the world from the undead. Trying to balance young adulthood with saving the world, Buffy tries her best to remain cheerful and fierce throughout her many challenging adventures.

The two-part premiere episode seeks to answer questions about Buffy's fate, after she sacrificed her life to save her sister in last season's shocking finale. The current season will go on to explore the overall theme of growing up.

Backroom launches website

BACKROOM, Inc. launches its website www.backroom-inc.com

The website features information on the company—its public relations division, talents and special events group.

On view is the company's profile, artist bried, photos of your favorite artists, promos, special events and other gimmicks.

News items of what is current in show biz can also be found on the what's up section.

The artists' profile contains all of Backroom talents, as well as the new ones.

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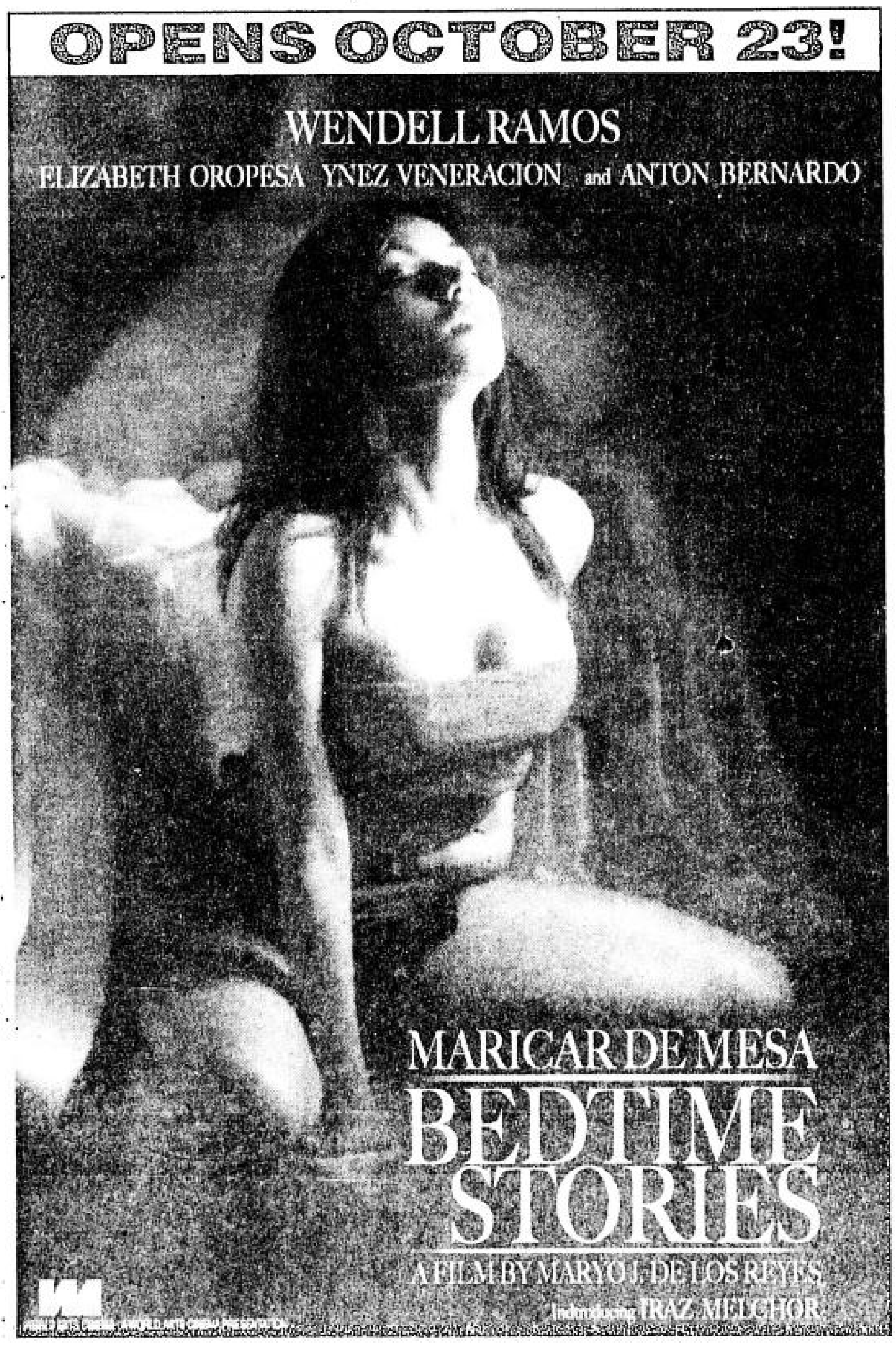

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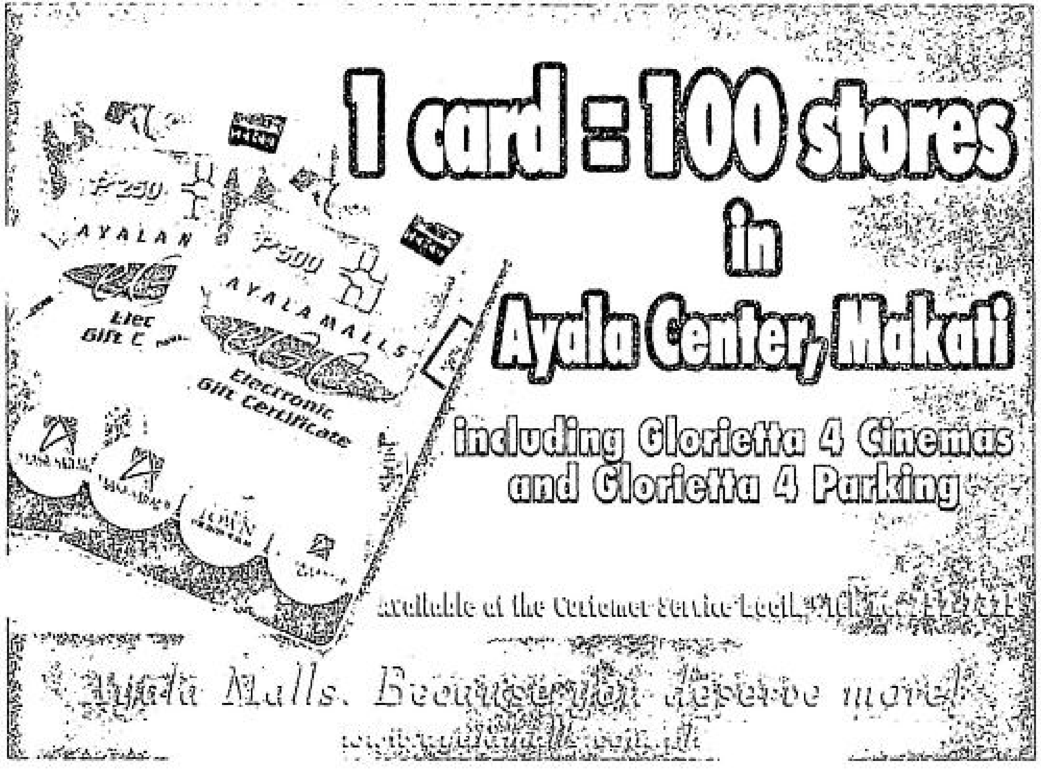
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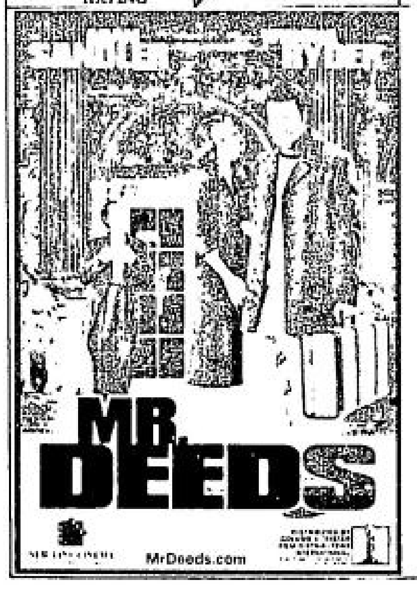

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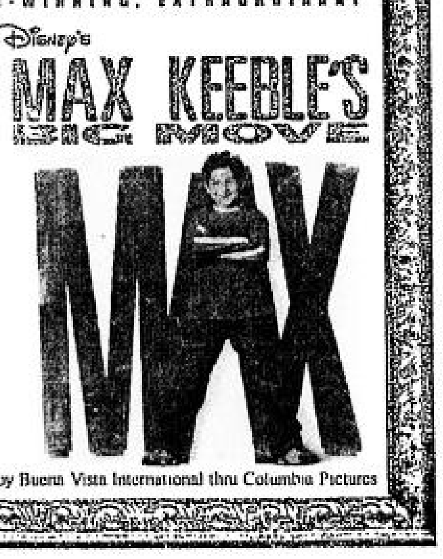
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E! Philippines airs power lineup

E! Philippines readies a power line-up of shows on primetime Sunday starting tonight, with E!'s "Fashion Police: The primetime Emmy Awards," 7 p.m., "Rank: Hottest Bachelorettes at 8 p.m. and Sarah Michelle Gellar on "Revealed with Jules Asner," 9 p.m.

Join fashion specialists Joan and Melissa Rivers on E! Primetime Emmy fashion special at 7 p.m. as they talk about "Who looked the most glamorous?" and "Who needed the most help?"

Enlisted to help the Rivers in this fashion extravaganza is Kelly Osborne of the Emmy-winning series "The Osbornes," with other panelists including fashion expert Leon Hall, "Friends" costume designer Debra McGuire, "Chaiken" designer Jeff Mahshie and "Curb You Enthusiasm" star Cheryl Hines.

The fashion posse will look at style standouts, newcomers to the red carpet and Hollywood's hottest couples. The one-hour show will culminate by revealing Joan and Melissa's best and worst dressed picks from the Emmy Awards' red carpet.

At 8 p. m., E!'s "Rank" takes a look at the leading ladies of Hollywood still in search of their leading man in "Rank: Hollywood's Bachelorettes—Sexy and single."

Host Brooke Burke counts down a list of single starlets which includes Sandra Bullock, Kirsten Dunst, Britney Spears, Cameron Diaz and Renee Zellwegger. Find out which of Hollywood's most eligible singles tops the list as the biggest catch.

Elizabeth Hurley, Lara Flynn Boyle, Matthew Perry, Kirsten Davis, Mark Paul Gosselaar, Cynthia Nixon, Kim Cattrall and American Idol's Simon Cowel are among those who offer their two cents worth on the subject.

At 9 p.m., Jules Asner sits down with Sarah Michelle Gellar in "Revealed with Jules Asner." Gellar will talk about the direction her career is going and her lead role in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," which solidified her position as a teen queen and launched her to TV icon status.

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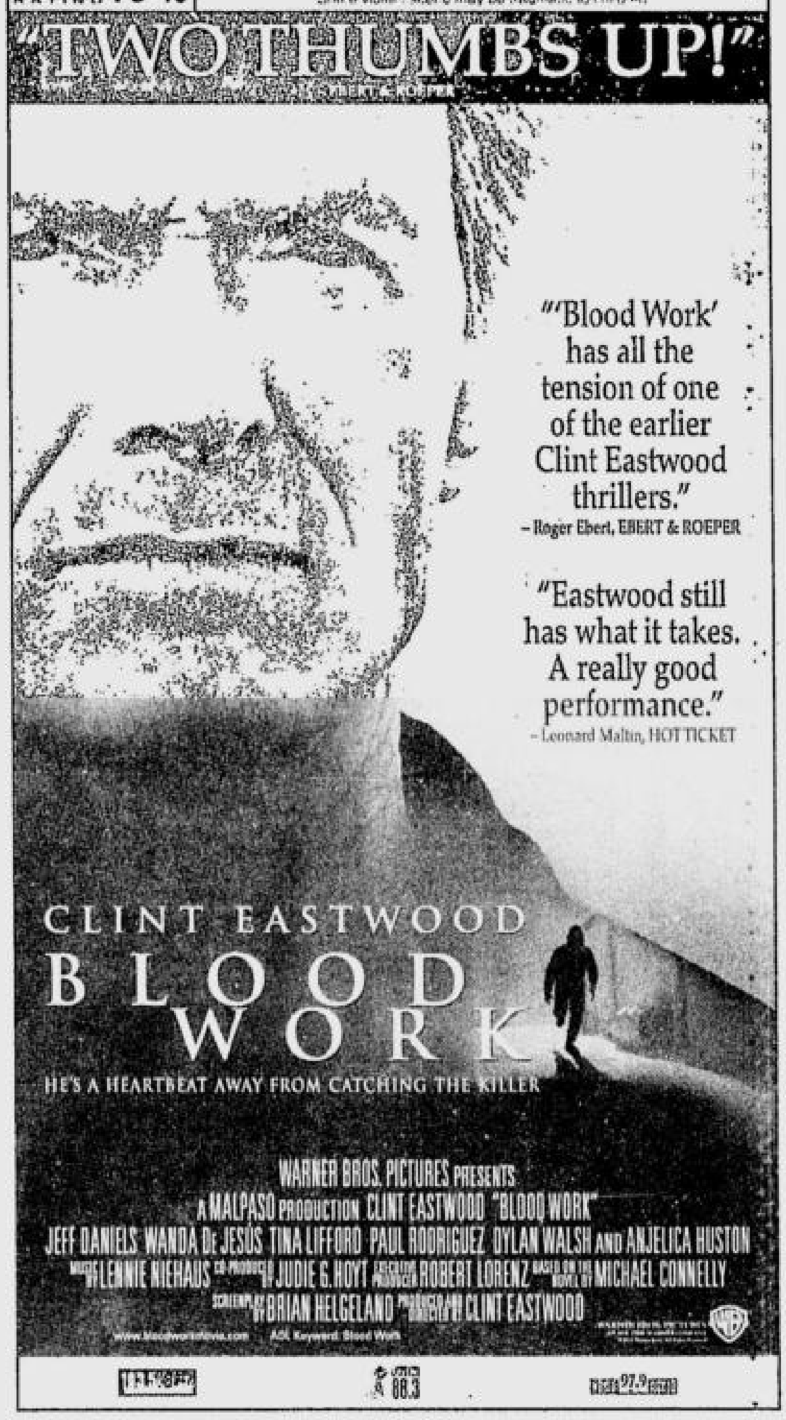

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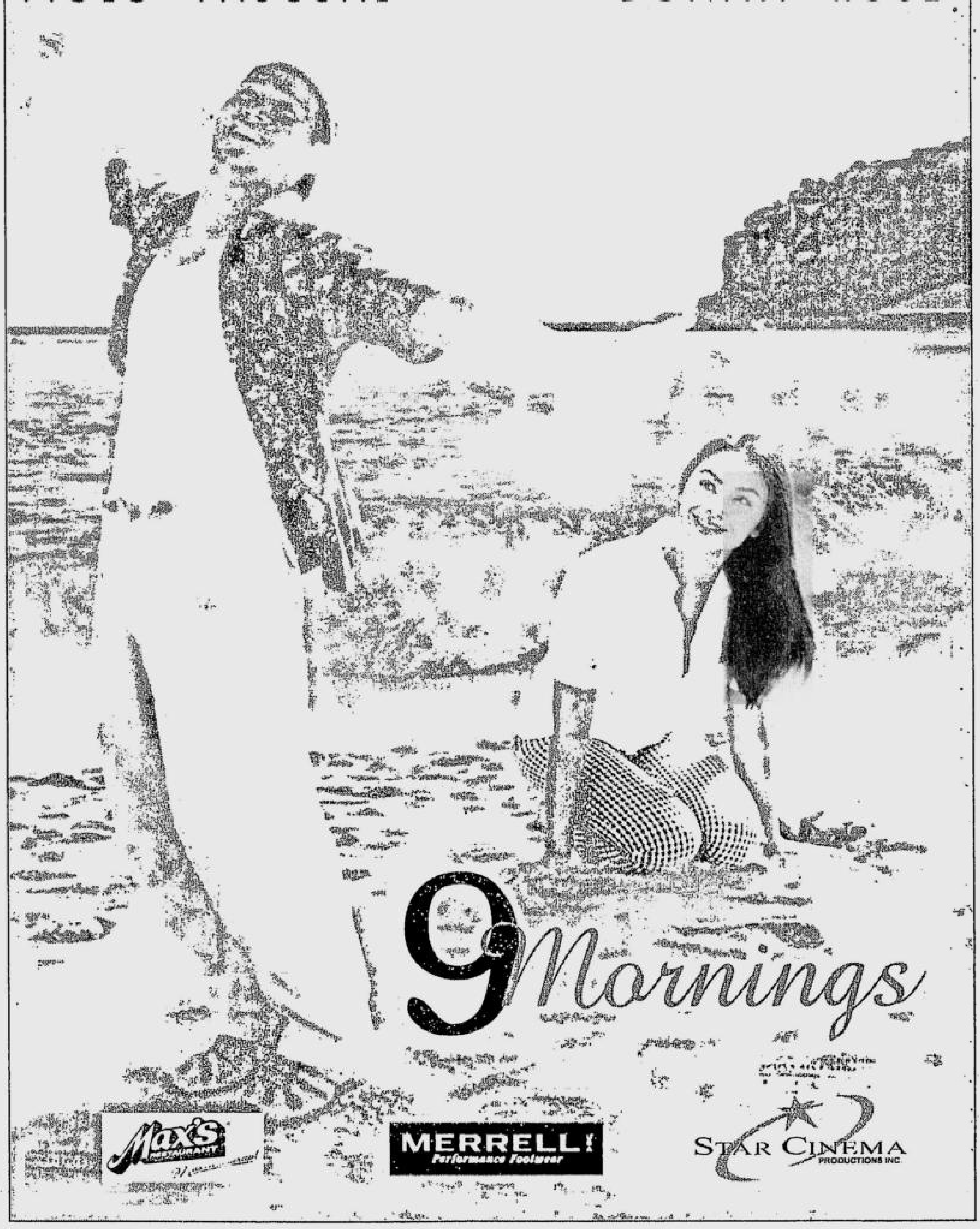

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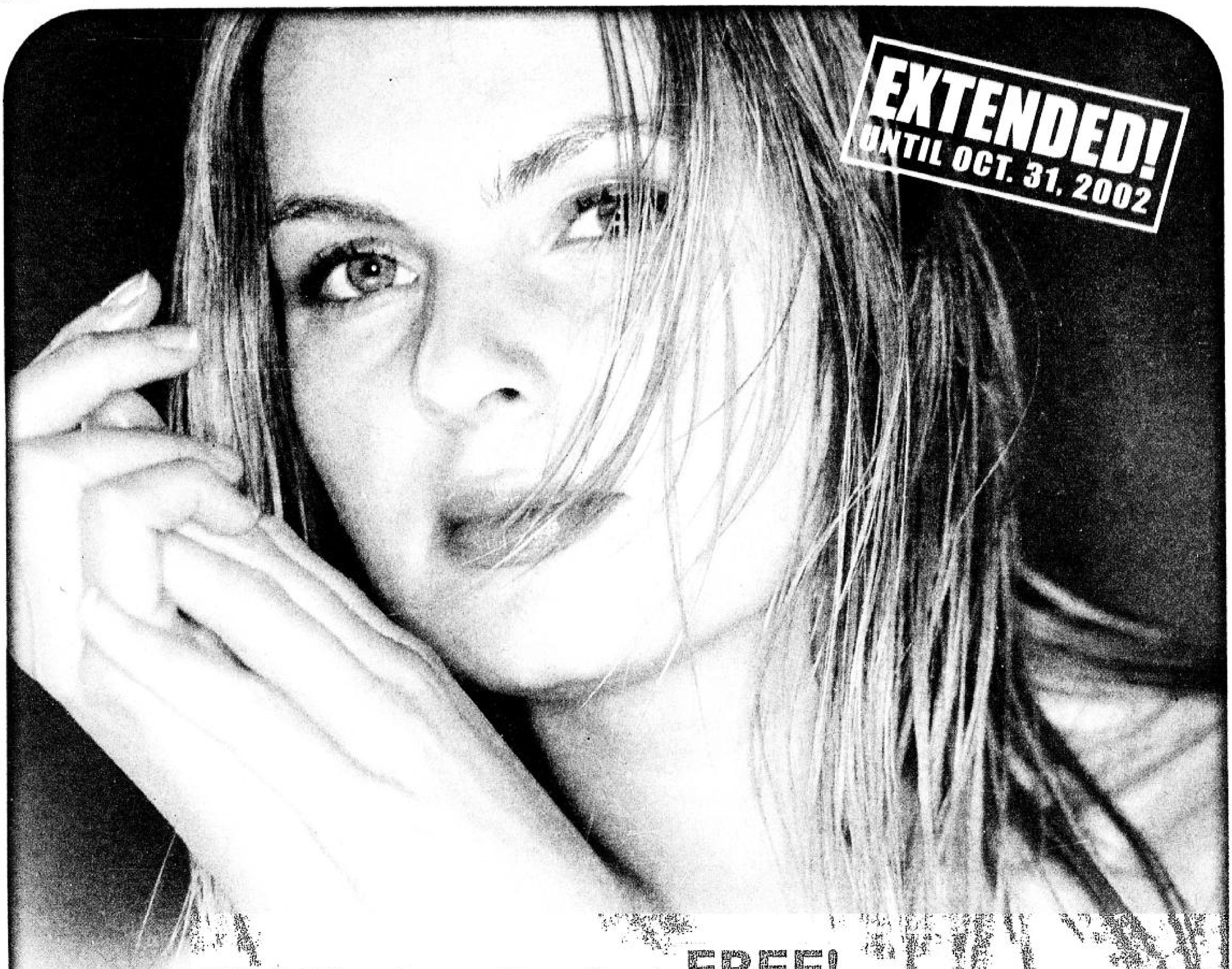

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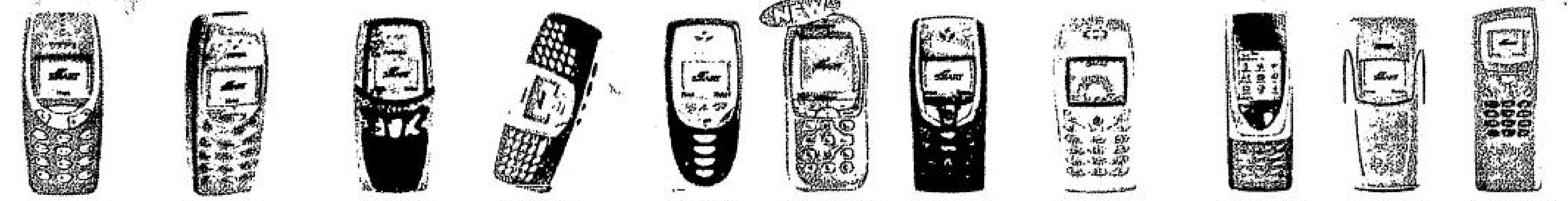

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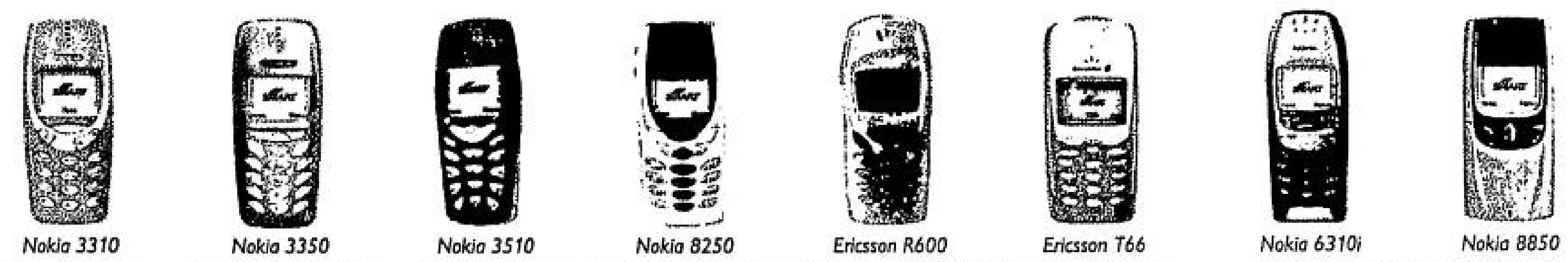

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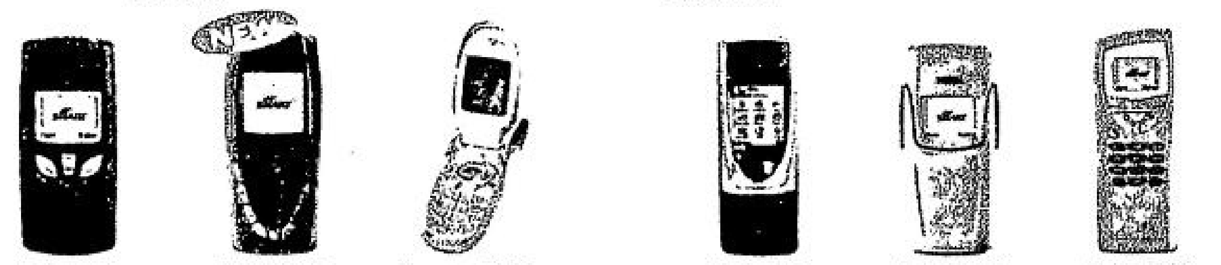

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RP's investor PR carries economy's weight on her shoulders

By Clarissa S. Batino

AT 42, she could lift a weight equivalent to two sacks of rice. But perhaps, carrying the weight of the Philippine economy on her shoulders is a feat heavier than her current personal bests in power lifting.

No other sport could have prepared Corazon Guidote for the challenge of putting together the first Investor Relations Office in Asia other than her latest and probably her most serious athletic engagement.

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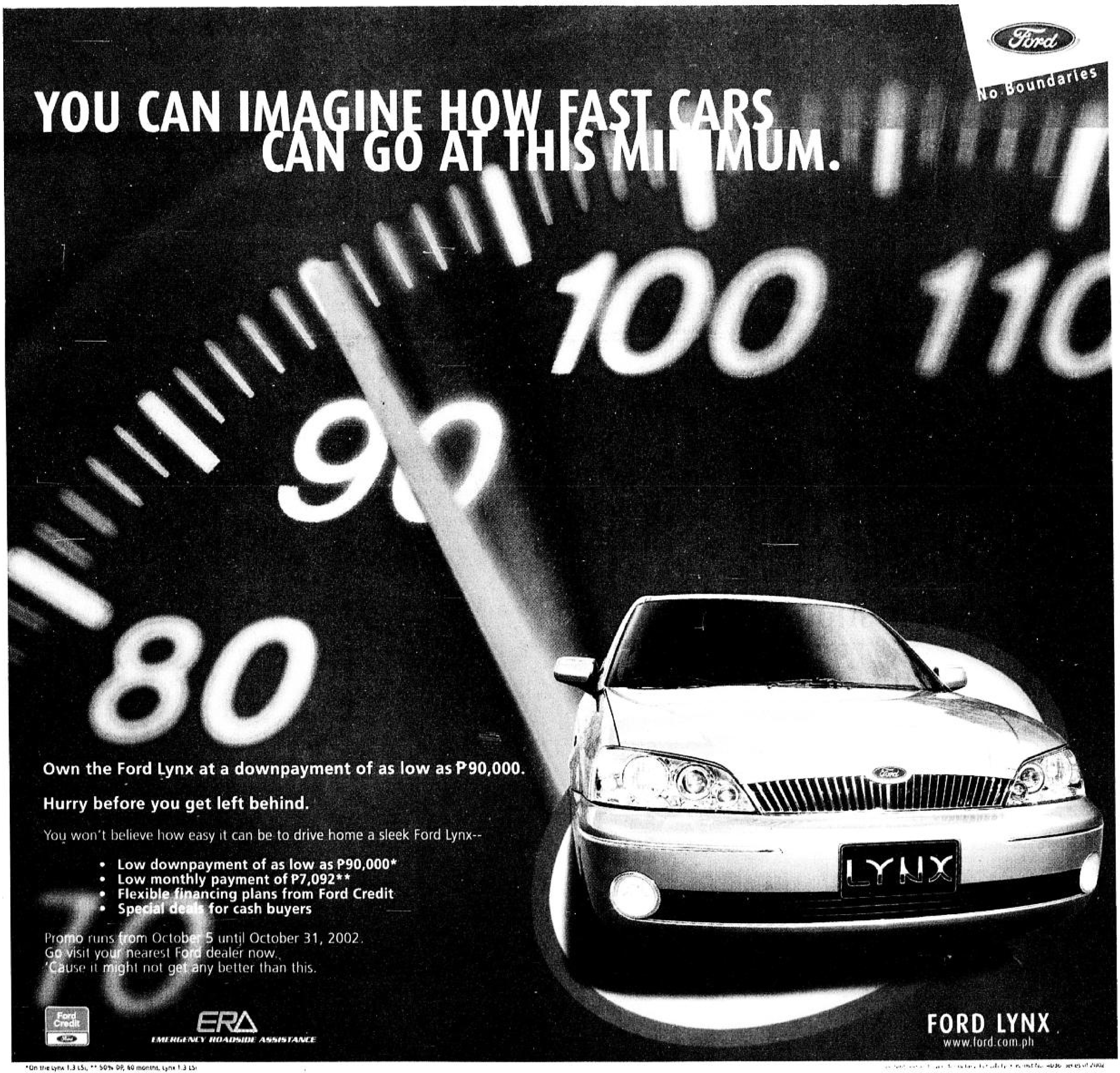
SHE takes up an athletic engagement to overcome middle age crisis questions.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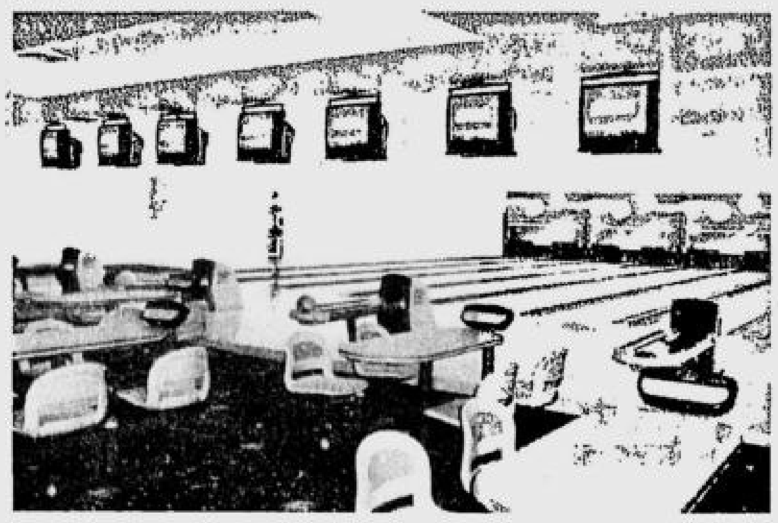
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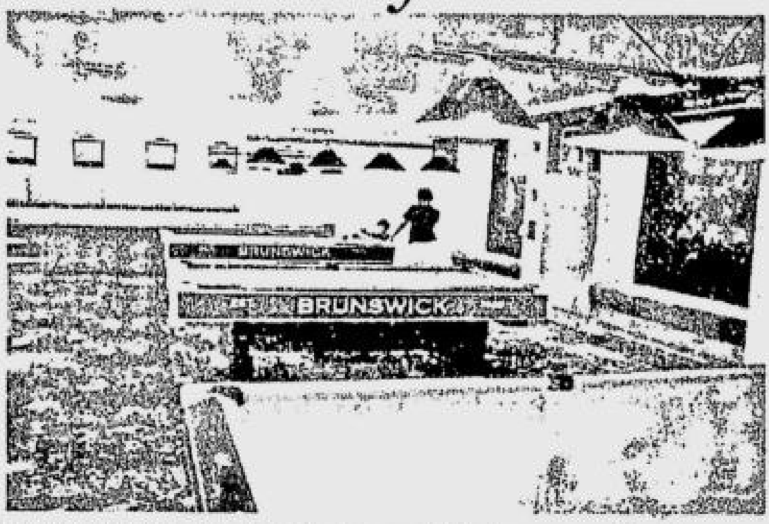

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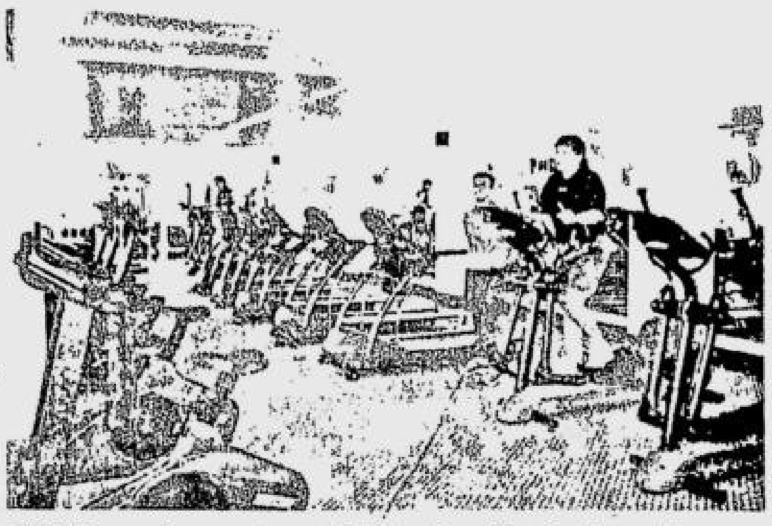
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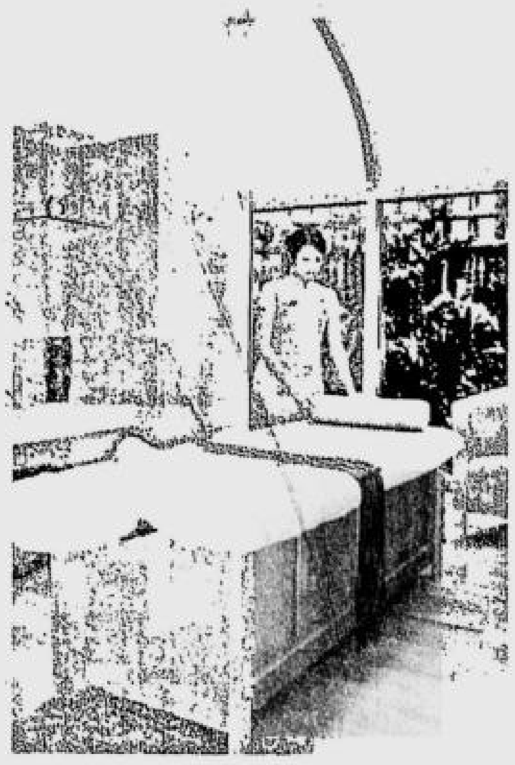
Club aims to provide an alternative to malls

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao


BLISS Garden Spa offers total services to both men and women.

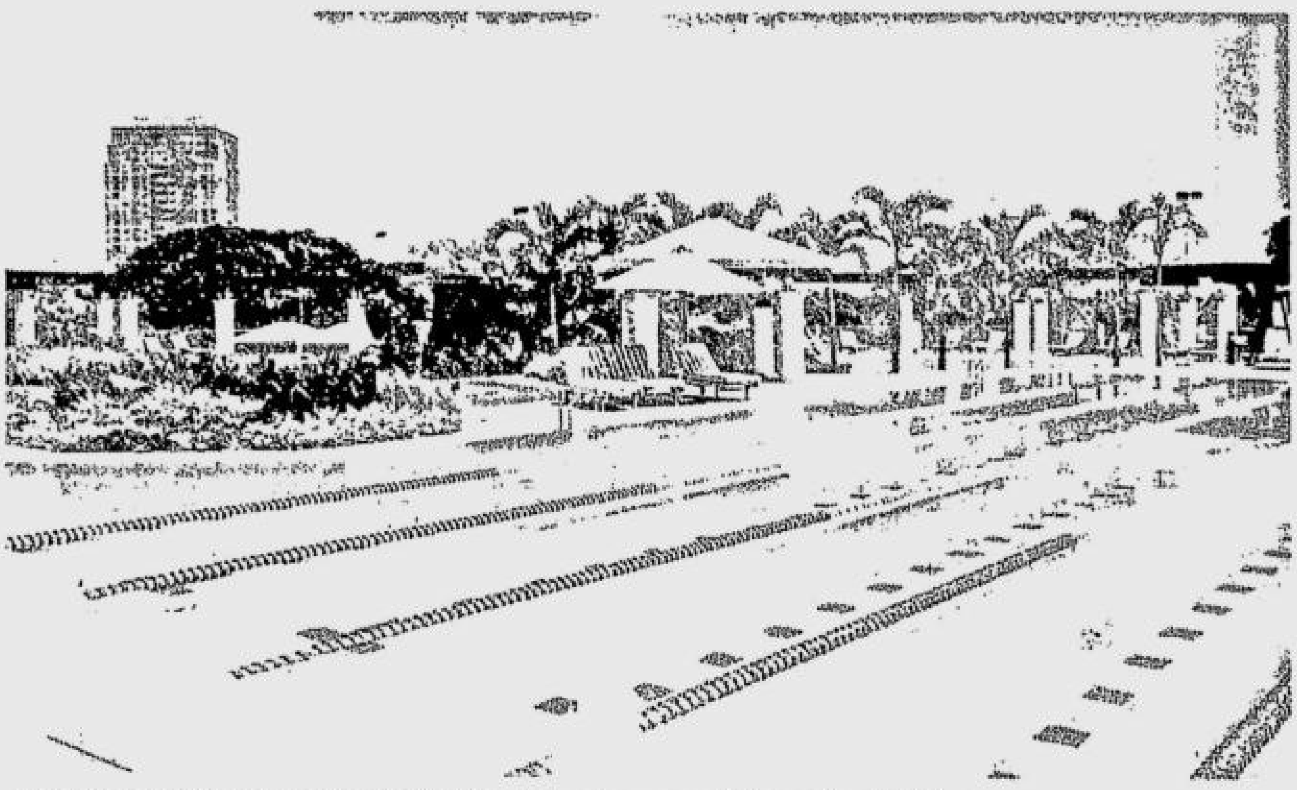
WITH living spaces getting smaller and traffic getting worse, well-off executives and residents of southern Metro Manila are looking for alternative places to hang out in, other than the malls and restaurant strips in the area.

The Palms Country Club in the Filinvest Corporate City, which is set to officially open in November, hopes to answer to these needs.

Palms general manager Graham S. Kiy tells SundayBiz that the country club differentiates itself from the other clubs rising in Metro Manila by trying to provide a comprehensive mix of facilities that cater to modern families.

Most of its members are between 30 and 45 years old with young children.

"We do not want just a shopping mall atmosphere. We want to provide a place where parents can go with their children and enjoy doing something healthy, either separately or together," Kiy explains.


RESORT pool with various swimming facilities (tot pool, spray pool, lap pool and slide).

BLEACHERS is a juice bar for in between games and refreshments.

The emphasis on providing facilities to promote a healthy lifestyle explains the considerable space provided for sports facilities such as badminton, tennis, squash and basketball. It also has bowling lanes, a billiard hall and even a rock climbing wall for both beginners and advanced climbers.

These are on top of the customary swimming pools, tennis courts and gym. Members can then use the spa facilities manned by trained massage specialists.

For children, there are indoor and outdoor play areas as well as a day care area.

"We want to create another lifestyle. That is our primary focus but we also have restaurants, meeting facilities and a ballroom for special functions," he adds.

The Palms Country Club started selling membership shares last November. Some of the facilities were opened for members' use in August and the grand opening is scheduled on Nov. 9.

"We want the club to be a club that members would actually use. Speculators are not encouraged," Kiy says.

About 80 percent of the members, Kiy says, come from Alabang, Las Piñas and Parañaque and most of them are Filipinos, although about 20 percent of the members are expatriates.

"We also get a lot of bookings for local seminars because we have function rooms and even a boardroom where companies can hold video conferencing. We can actually do the same thing as five-star hotels," he stresses.

THE PLUNGE pool is a popular attraction.

RP's investor PR carries economy's weight on her shoulders

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She took up the engagement to overcome some middle life crisis two years ago when she turned 40. Cora now has seven gold medals in the sport that to this day elicits the "you-are-strange-look" from people hearing about it for the first time.

"People think power lifting is a male thing and many believe it's unglamorous, which to some extent I agree to. That's why I take pains to really dress up, sort of power dress for my job," says Cora.

This is the reason why Cora refuses to invite anybody to her thrice-a-year competitions.

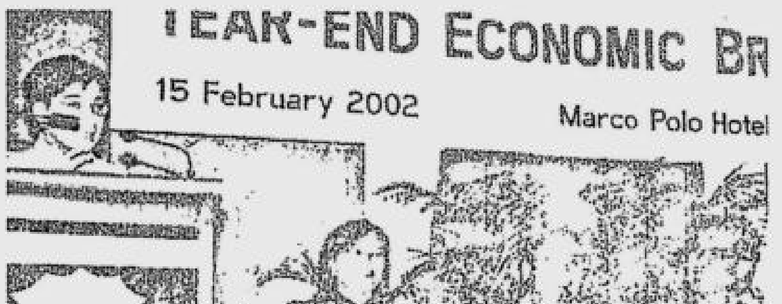
Unfortunately though, the contests are usually held in malls where any acquaintance could just walk by and see Cora in her a la wrestling outfit as what happened one time when a college classmate heard Cora's name being announced as one of the participants.

"She saw me and asked what happened. *Sabi niya, Cora, ikaw ba yan,*" Cora recounts, chuckling.

Despite the seeming absence of glamour in her new sport, Cora says power lifting is something that she sees herself doing for as long as she can.

After all, there is a such a thing as Master C in power lifting which is for persons aged 60 and above. Cora is currently on Master A division.

"It is a unique sport. I can do it at my age and I can still compete. The sport has liberated me psychologically because I found out that it's not too late to do things and excel. It is also a sport one can age in," she explains.



GUIDOTE says she had to take a 60-percent salary cut when she joined government.

Power lifting, for the uninitiated, consists of three events—squats, bench presses, and dead lifts. In squats, Cora's record as of last month's competition was 127.5 kilos from 112 kg in May and 60 kg in bench press from 55 kg.

To do squats, she explains, one must get the weight from the rack, sit up and down and put the weight back. Lying on her back, the bench press requires one to lift the weight from the rack, lift it down and up near the chest level.

For dead weight, the lifter must be able to carry the weight from the floor until one has straightened his body.

Exhausted from the two events, she failed to beat her 115 kg record five months ago on the dead lift. Cora says she wore the wrong belt for the event which was why when she attempted to carry 115.5 kg, she wobbled—a no-no in power lifting.

An active scuba diver and an enthusiast of underwater photography during her younger days, Cora gave up her more conventional hobbies in favor of her two-year-old sport which is more suitable to her long and often very tiring hours with the IRO.

She does not have to go out of town to enjoy power lifting unlike her two other hobbies.

"It also fits my finances because power lifting is a cheaper sport to maintain rather than diving and underwater photography. Working for government, as we all know, is quite a sacrifice on the pocket," says Cora who was tapped to become executive director of the country's IRO in July 2001.

She says her monthly take-home dropped by 60 percent compared to her previous employment.

Before the IRO, Cora headed ABN Amro Securities after a relatively short stint as head of Metro Pacific's corporate affairs department.

Prior to the real estate giant, she was the chief of the local research unit of the Union Bank of Switzerland before it merged with SBC Warburg in the late '90s.

Now at the opposite end of the spectrum, Cora believes that what she misses in terms of material compensation, other kicks compensate for.

There is such a thing, she says, as psychic reward like knowing that she's contributing something for her country, being in the middle of things, and working for a truly dream economic team.

It is a privilege and a pleasure, she says, to work for and with Philippine economic managers. "A lot of investors say that ours is one of the best finance teams that can be found in any country," she notes.

In a little over a year since the IRO started, investors have been given a regular and consolidated update on Philippine economics whether through the website or through briefings.

Before she was hired, Cora notes that the problem with the economic information was that it was fragmented, erratic and had a tendency to be ambiguous as it comes from different agencies.

What Cora did was to organize the release of information similar to how corporations do it. She makes it a point to give updates on the cash flow or monetary information, the income statement or the national income accounts, and the balance sheet or the fiscal account.

"We want to minimize risks to investors by explaining to them what is really happening. With information, the perceived risks are diminished," she notes.

Her efforts are bearing fruit. If a year ago, the Philippine team had a hard time booking important meetings with an important investor in Singapore, last month, the economic managers including herself were received with open arms.

"We are far from being hopeless. I even think we are doing well despite external problems and of course, 'the deficit," she says.

Cora likes to think that with her at the helm of IRO, things are looking brighter for the Philippines and that somehow she had been instrumental in the continuing effort of the government to improve investors' confidence.

IT guru never saw . . .

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cation services (which was profitable) but because of a botched deal involving its third-party data center services. "We buy time from other companies with computer where we do our programming for companies who need these services. Unfortunately, we got burned in a major government contract."

For the next 10 years, Lagman found himself freelancing as consultant for top Philippine corporations to oversee their computerization programs. It's safe to say that Lagman or his students or trainees had a hand in developing the computer programs of the country's leading corporations in the 1960s and 1970s.

In 1983, with the boom in personal computers, Lagman and his associates—Ed Sarte, Ben Santos, and Herman Gamboa—formed Systems Technology Institute (STI) with its catchy logo—First we'll teach you then we'll hire you. "Our first yellow and black ad came out on Aug. 21, 1983 which we have used as our founding year," Lagman says.

Lagman says STI was by no means a pioneer in computer education but it was the first to offer this educational service as a franchise. Lagman had earlier formed a computer school in Makati which was converted as an STI franchise in the institution's inaugural year.

Lagman says that while its rival AMA Computer operated as a college in single site when it started in 1982, STI had short courses and several branches in its first year. "We felt that in an economic downturn, parents specially in the lower class prefer enrolling their children in short courses so that they could get jobs immediately." It was only in the 1990s that STI formed its own college when the economy went into its growth period under the Ramos administration.

So how did someone with zero knowledge in computers become an expert overnight? "I had the right foundation in math, science and English and I think that is all that you need in computer programming," says Lagman who is widely respected as the country's IT guru.

LAGMAN taught and learned computers at the same time.

Lagman has used his life experience as proof that Filipinos could excel in computer programming given the right education in their elementary and high school years. "They don't have to learn computer languages at this age because technology changes so fast. Once you graduate another programming standard in place.".

Lagman, however, laments the current state of Philippine education in the country based on the Filipino graduates' weakness in math, science and English. He says the country's education system began its slide during the first term of Marcos in 1967 when the dictator started diverting the budget for education to other things.

He says a study by the Asian Development Bank in 1981 showed that the share of education in the national budget has fallen from 30 percent to 10 percent. His shift in spending created an entire generation of subpar graduates that would take another generation to improve.

"We used to be second only to Japan in Asia in terms of education. Starting in the 1970s, other Asian countries started overtaking us—first was Hongkong, then Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea and Taiwan," Lagman says.

A MAN stands on the dome of the $330-million arts center in Singapore. Singapore's economy is estimated to have grown 3.7 percent in the September quarter. AFP

Singapore pins hopes on spiky arts center

SINGAPORE—Theaters with spiky twin domes newly built on Singapore's waterfront are gigantic symbols of the city state's push into the arts.

The tiny trade-dependent nation, better known for electronics exports, hopes to turn the arts into a money-making industry and harness creativity to reinvent itself.

The Esplanade Theatres on the Bay, known locally as "The Big Durians" after a spiky, and smelly, Southeast Asian fruit, will throw open their doors on Saturday as the cultural centerpiece of Singapore.

But funding and grooming the arts in a young nation concerned with economic survival remain an uphill battle, and some are concerned too much has gone into construction, rather than creativity.

Singapore has pumped in S$600 million ($337 million) to build a 2,000-seat theater, a 1,600-seat concert hall, outdoor performance spaces and a three-story shopping mall.

The Esplanade complex is crowned by two eye-catching glass domes covered in a lattice of angular metallic sun shades.

"It has been proven in all the major cities that the arts center really drives the arts in

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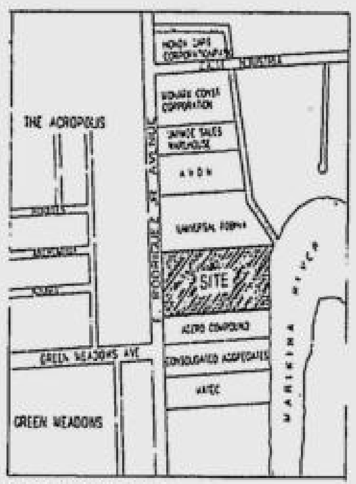

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David gives up law, opts to fight exports' Goliaths

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CHRISTIANS all over the world are familiar with the story of David and Goliath. So are exporters who join the business arena as Davids but eventually beat the Goliaths.

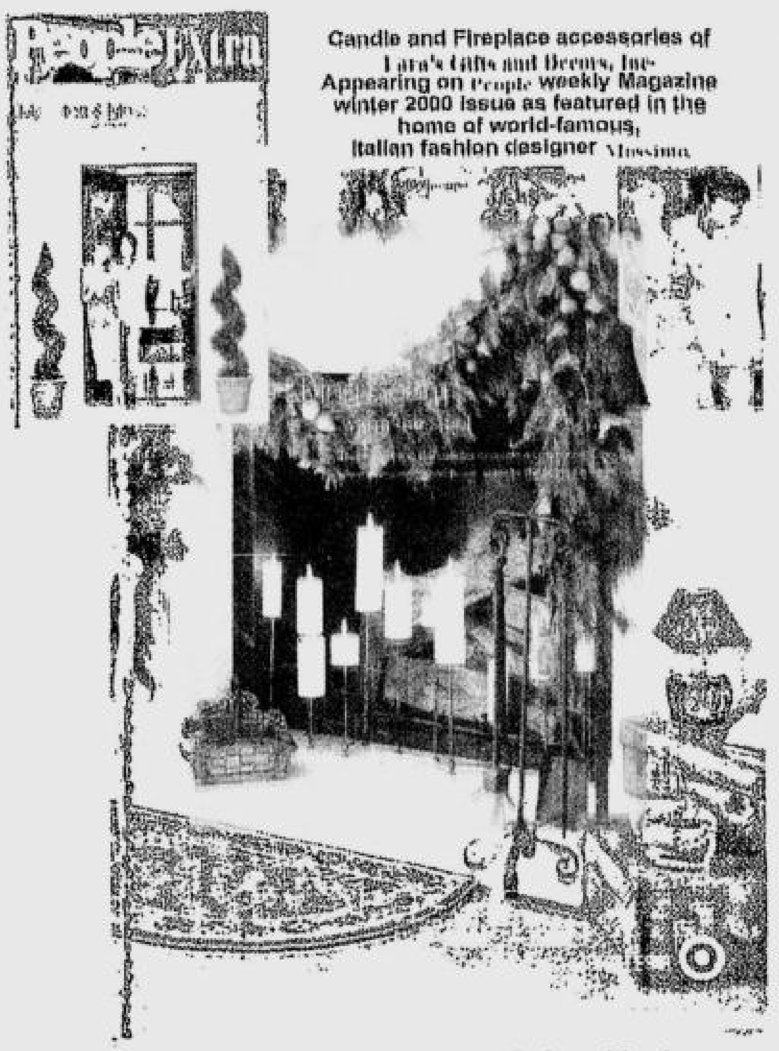
With China establishing its presence in the global economic community, Filipino exporters of home decors and gift items are being compelled to assess and reassess their chances of survival.

Giant awakens

"Now more than ever, we exporters must analyze how to protect the export markets that we have dominated for decades," suggests 2001 Agora Awardee for Outstanding Achievement in Export Marketing Luis Raymund "L-ray" F. Villafuerte, Jr.

L-ray knows what he is talking about. Over the past decade, he has been at the helm of Lara 's Gifts and Decors, one of the biggest handicrafts exporters in the country which sends products to every continent in the world.

In the 12 years since the venture started, Lara's Gifts and Decors which was named after L-ray's wife, has sustained a whopping 93 percent yearly growth rate. Over the same period, yearly sales have always been at least double that of the previous year. In fact, as of Aug. 15 this year, the company's gross sales was already twice as much the total sales in 2001.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LARA's items grace even the home of famous designer Mossimo.

"Home decors and gift items is a $10 billion industry. Back in the '70's, the Philippines dominated this industry. But beginning 2000, it has become China. We can reclaim our turf. It is all a matter of focus, playing to our strengths and neutralizing the competitor's weaknesses," says L-ray, a Political Science graduate of De La Salle University.

Rewards of risk

Very early in life, L-ray learned that bold perseverance and fearless tenacity are the most important qualities of an entrepreneur and an exporter.

Right out of college, the elder Luis Villafuerte, who is the incumbent Governor of Camarines Sur, dissuaded his son from going to law school because "the country already has too many lawyers" and advised him to try business for a year.

He also took a cue from his mother Nelly Favis Villafuerte who teaches about exports at the Philippine trade Training Center, Central Bank, Ateneo de Manila, De La Salle, and Asian Institute of Management.

L-ray initially setup shop as a buying representative sourcing products for foreign companies while charging a 5 percent commission on total sales closed. In order to find his first set of clients, L-ray identified and mailed proposals for 500 international firms. Five responded.

"Then our big break came. An Australian company needed someone who can manufacture 1,000 pieces of clowns statutes within 30 days. They couldn't find anyone who would do it for them within that deadline. So I did the math and said yes, we can do it," he narrates.

Without a credit line, L-ray financed his operations with the down payment from the decorative clowns deal and beat the deadline by finishing within 27 days.

"I'm more of a risk taker. When opportunity comes, I seize it. That deal took a lot of hard work but I'm glad we seized it because if we hadn't, it would have taken another two to three years for our business to get off the ground," says L-ray.

Growing in bad times

One of the most surprising achievements of Lara's Gifts and Decors is maintaining double-digit growth levels throughout its 12-year history, even through tough times.

By the mid-'90's Lara's Gifts and Decors had established a name and a credit line. But although there was money in the bank to diversify their product line, L-ray focused on manufacturing only their most profitable product genre—wrought iron items.

"Every business must establish its core competence and stick with it. I saw that all our top-sellers were made of wrought iron, so I decided to focus. This was a crucial decision. We went into mechanized production and concentrated on machinery specifically designed to work with wrought iron," L-ray shares.

L-RAY and his wife Lara started as a backyard venture. Now they have about 500 workers.

The strategy of focusing on the most profitable product line had huge repercussions on the profitability of Lara's Gifts and Decors. The company cut down on inventory and channeled its international marketing efforts to push only their most saleable, most profitable line. Today, 25 percent of sales come from wrought iron photo frames.

Coming in second and third are candle holders and furnitures.

When the Asian currency crisis struck in 1997, many exporters took a conservative stance, cutting back on investment and production. L-ray, however, saw that the only way to survive the downturn was to become even more efficient.

"During the crisis, we used up our savings. While others were cost cutting, we were upgrading. We bought new machines, sent engineers to train in Taiwan and Germany. If you invest in becoming more efficient during a crisis, you will be poised to reap the rewards when the market bounces back," L-ray explains.

Looking forward

Aside from recognizing opportunity and seizing it, an exporter must constantly anticipate future problems and enforce measures that will mitigate, if not totally eliminate the coming difficulties.

One of the most common problems plaguing Filipino exporters is how Chinese manufacturers raid international handicraft exhibits for design ideas and produce similar items at a fraction of the price.

"What is our edge? Design. They can copy your product but they can never steal what's inside your head. We always have ideas in the pipeline. By the time they copy our product, we have already come out with a new one," L-ray stresses.

In the export business, however, creativity does not come for free. A considerable percentage of the profits of Lara's Gifts and Decors is allocated to product development. The company employs eight design consultants, mostly foreigners who give the local product development team a feel of the tastes and cultures of the countries they represent.

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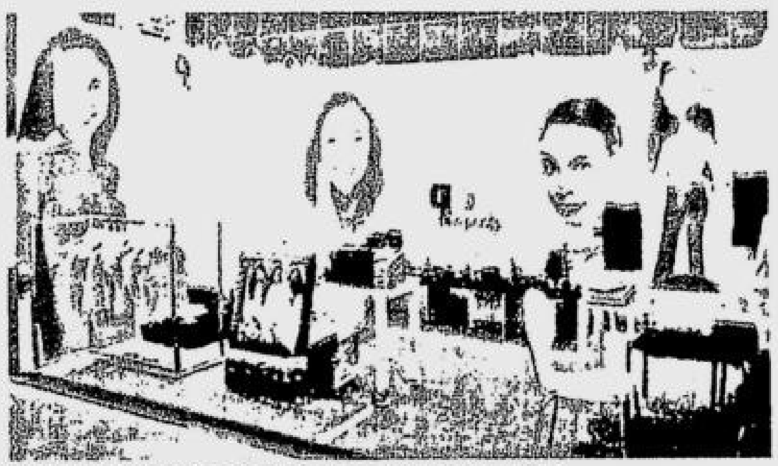

THE WINNING booth of the women's clothing line.

Apparel firm wins awards in franchise fair

APPAREL firm Plains & Prints posted a double win during a recently concluded Franchise Fair despite the presence of older and more established clothes brands.

The label, was singled out as the Best in Ladies Apparel and the Best Overall On-Site Marketing Booth.

While most brands of clothes copy prevailing international designs to attract a younger market, Plains & Prints holds on to the principle of wise dressing.

From its beginnings in 1994 as a stall in Shoppesville, Greenhills, Plains & Prints has made remarkable leaps and bounds, establishing 11 branches in some of the trendiest shopping sites all over Metro Manila and two in Central Luzon in just seven years. The brand recently opened its doors to franchising. Before this it invested in a marketing campaign that tapped actress Gretchen Baretto to be its signature model.

It also recently opened itself to franchising.

Singapore pins hopes. . .

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any city," Benson Puah, the center's chief executive officer, told Reuters.

"We intend to cater to everyone, to make arts meaningful, to introduce another perspective to our very frantic lifestyle."

Fanfare and fireworks will mark the opening of the Esplanade, followed by a three-week festival with international acts such as jazz musician Wynton Marsalis and the London Philharmonic Orchestra performing beside local arts groups.

The wrong beast?

Not all view the Esplanade as the right catalyst for the local arts scene.

"The fundamental design of the place—it's kind of like making an elephant a ballet dancer," said Lee Weng Choy, artistic co-director of an independent arts center, The Substation.

"As good as the Esplanade may be at trying to engage the local arts, and even deepening and diversifying local arts audiences, it's the wrong beast for this thing."

He fears the center may create demand for international acts rather than local art in an outward-looking Singapore that has grown up on a diet of western and Chinese television.

Singaporeans chase high-paying jobs as doctors, engineers and bankers and the cash-rich government splurges on defense and education. The arts are not center stage.

The city state spent about US$8 per capita on arts funding last year, excluding capital expenditure.

This was double the year before, government data shows, but trailed far behind London at $61 per capita, on 1997 figures, and New York city's $19 per head in 1998.

Hong Kong spends around $28 per capita on the arts.

Private sponsorship for the arts in Singapore totaled S$37 million last year, down from S$40 million in 1998.

"We need funding to keep the artistic capital of a theater company here healthy—that's where the money is short," said Alvin Tan, artistic director of The Necessary Stage, a pioneer local theatre group.

But the cost of running the Esplanade itself may pose a financial threat to local arts groups.

"When it comes down to sheer economics, this is where all the good intentions of the Esplanade may not be enough," Lee said.

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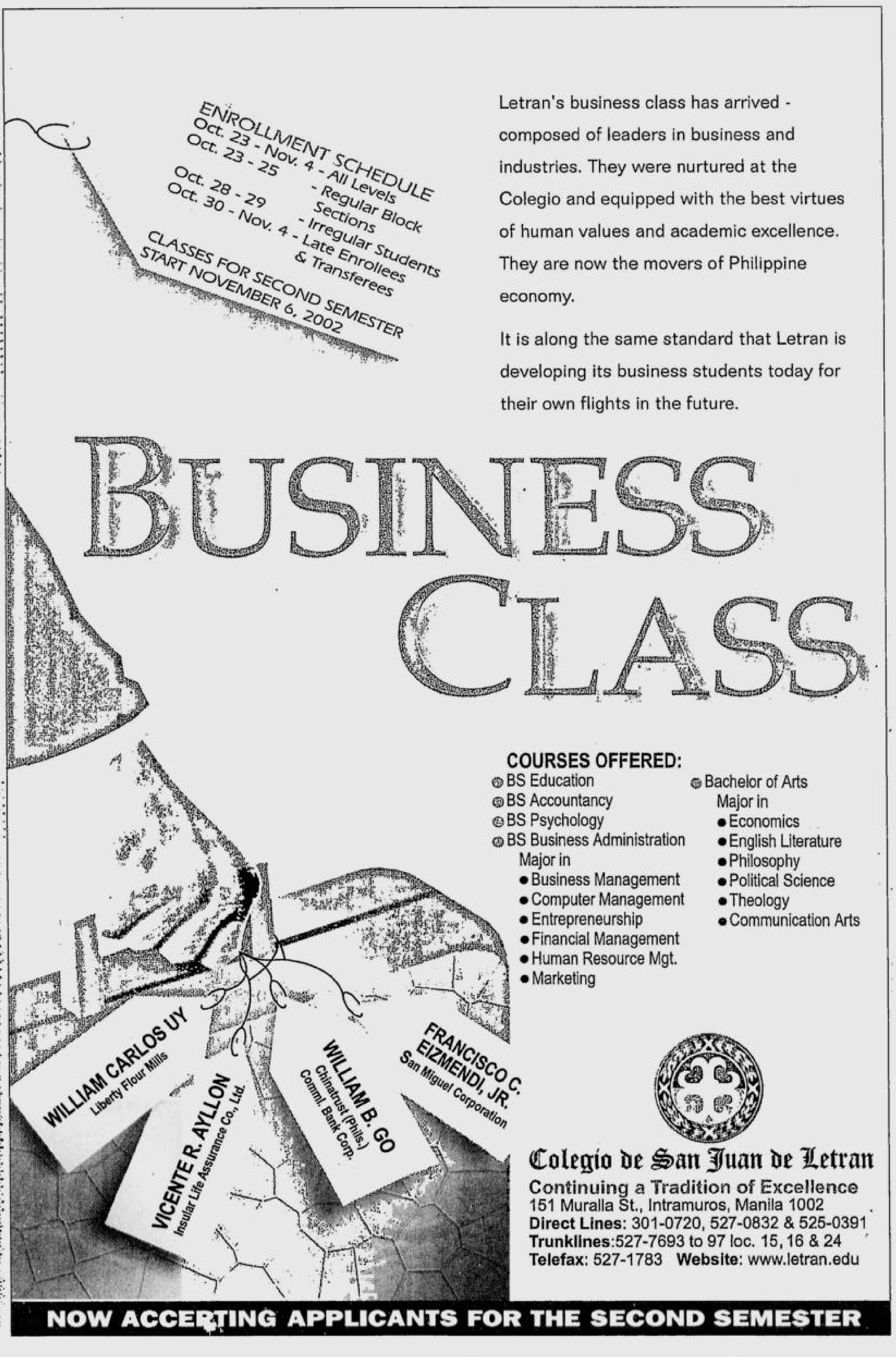

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Couple gets good bites from unique sandwich venture

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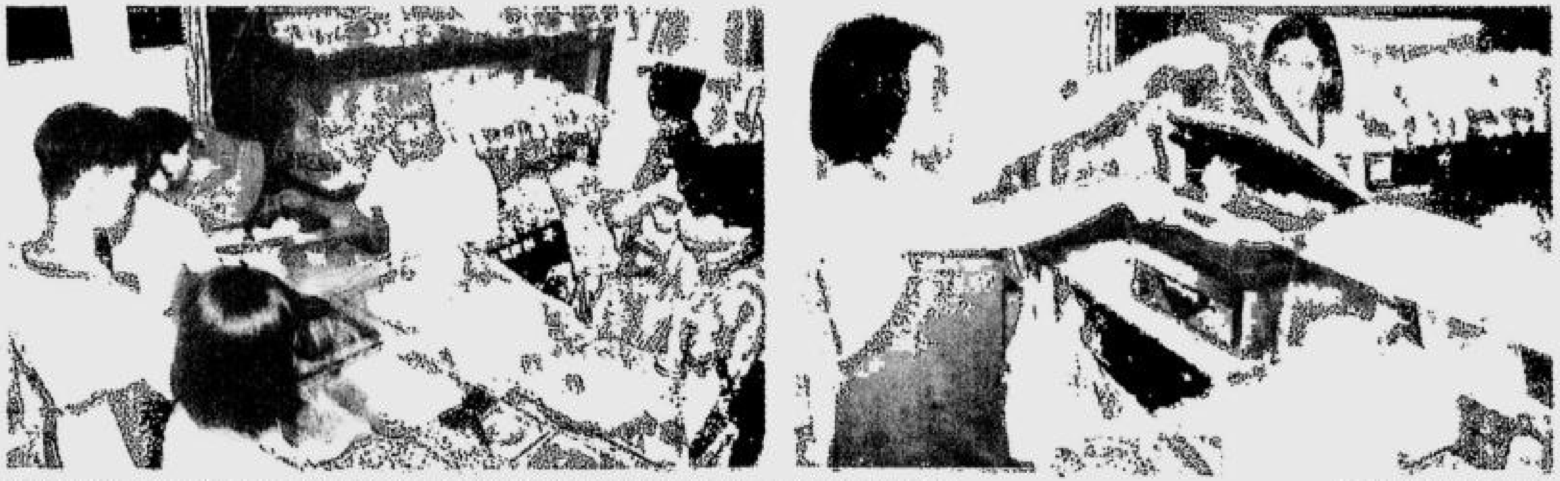

THE "GREAT meals in small packages" contain either chicken tuna or vegetable fillings.

PHOTOS BY RAY ZAMBRANO

DAGUPAN CITY—It's neither siopao nor shawarma, but it's tasty, satisfying, nutritious and reasonably priced.

It's Plato Wraps—round, flat bread with different fillings—the newest craze introduced by an enterprising young couple from this city and now taking Pangasinan by storm.

It has also inched its way to the discriminating taste buds of Metro Manila customers.

Plato Wraps opened an outlet at the SM Megamall food court two months ago and the creators of this "great meal in small packages" are besieged with queries on when they will start giving out franchises, from Metro Manila and provinces as far as Davao and Cebu.

But Plato Wraps owners—Antonio Valdez Seen, 40, and Kamela Crisologo Seen, 38, who operate the family-owned Panaderia Antonio—are still undecided on whether to open the business to franchisees.

Kamela says going into franchising can mean less time for her family, especially her four children, Paúlo, 15; Kreme, 14; Dawn, 11; and Luis, 2.

"I'm a mother first and foremost. My husband and I created the Plato Wraps simply as an additional product to our bakery line and I did not expect it to be this successful. If we go into franchising, it would be an additional business load and less time for my kids. So deep inside, there is that little fear," Kamela, who handles marketing for Plato Wraps, says.

Still, the couple has applied for membership with the Association of Filipino Franchisers and has acquired the services of a consultant who prepares a franchise scheme in case they finally decide to grant franchises.

If they go into franchising, the Seens, who were childhood sweethearts, would add to the list of provincial entrepreneurs who brought their businesses to the country's capital.

"We can prove that even in the provinces, we can come up with an enterprise that's worth franchising in Manila," Kamela, says.

She is hoping that businessmen will not copy the Plato Wraps concept but come up with their own original creation.

"We Filipinos are creative people and if we put our heart into it, we can create something that's ours, not copied," she says.

Plate or dish wrap

Plato Wraps came from the word *plato* (plate or dish) and "wrap," which is anything that is folded or wrapped around a dish, Kamela explains.

It was actually her father Eduardo Crisologo who coined the term "Plato Wraps."

"We thought the market is only Pangasinan, so I called it Plato Wraps. What's amusing is, some customers smarten the name and pronounce *plato* with a long a," Crisologo explains.

The birth of Plato Wraps, which are thicker than the pita wraps, was a long and tedious process, Kamela shares.

It was a product of the creativity of the husband-and-wife team who "had to brainstorm for months to create a product that's not yet in the market."

She asked her husband Antonio, who was in charge of the "baking side" of the family business, to "come up with a different, one-of-a-kind bread."

Antonio experimented with the basic bread ingredients to produce a bread that is soft even after grilling. Finally, the discriminating Kamela was satisfied with the taste and look of the flat, round bread that her husband concocted.

It was her turn to formulate the bread's filling.

Since chicken sandwich is her favorite, "it was natural that I came up with a chicken filling."

She did not like chicken strips, though, so she made the filling chunky. She formulated a dressing which she asked her parents, siblings and children, who served as the "tasters," to critique.

Kamela says when she was starting Plato Wraps, she was focused "on the taste, not the figures."

"I really wanted it to be delicious to please the customers so I can say it was a product of love," she says.

Each Plato Wrap, perfectly grilled and served fast and hot, sells at P30 or P35 each depending on the filling.

Kamela says her margin of profit was "very low."

"It's *negosyong* Chinese—the profit is minimal but since we sell by volume, the profit is good enough," she says.

In Pangasinan, the price is slightly lower, "my way of thanking my province mates for making Plato Wraps a success."

Plato Wraps come in four different fillings—chunky chicken, ham and cheese, yummy tuna and very veggie—wrapped in either regular or wheat bread.

The enterprising couple is also coming up with pasta wraps, with meat or white sauce.

Many customers are asking if they can buy only the wraps, which are delicious by themselves. But Kamela refused. "The supply is still lacking and we want to protect our product from imitators."

Aside from the SM Megamall, Plato Wraps has branches (actually just carts) in Ever Gotesco in Caloocan City, in Baguio City, and several in Dagupan City and other Pangasinan towns.

Kamela says they could also be invited to set up carts during parties complete with a service crew.

Year-old venture

Plato Wraps is only a year old, introduced by the enterprising couple three years after they opened Panaderia Antonio at the Magic Club Supermarket here.

The couple set up the bakery after Antonio completed his contract as a processing clerk at the Manila Economic and Cultural Office in Taiwan in 1998.

Kamela says they went into the bakery business, confident that her husband knew the business by heart.

After all, Antonio is the son of the owner of Sanitary Bakery, a 54-year-old, "old-fashioned" bakery in Dagupan (they still use firewood for the oven).

Contrary to popular belief that Chinese children desire to join the family business, Antonio, who even worked as a factory worker in Taiwan, says "most of us actually wanted to be out of the family business and preferred to be on our own."

Kamela, on the other hand, is a mass communications graduate of the College of Holy Spirit in Manila but has a knack for business.

When her husband was working abroad, she and a friend went into a food catering enterprise.

"I was the industrial partner," she says.

She also went into the buy-and-sell business at the time when her husband was in Taiwan. She bought goods in Taiwan and sold them here.

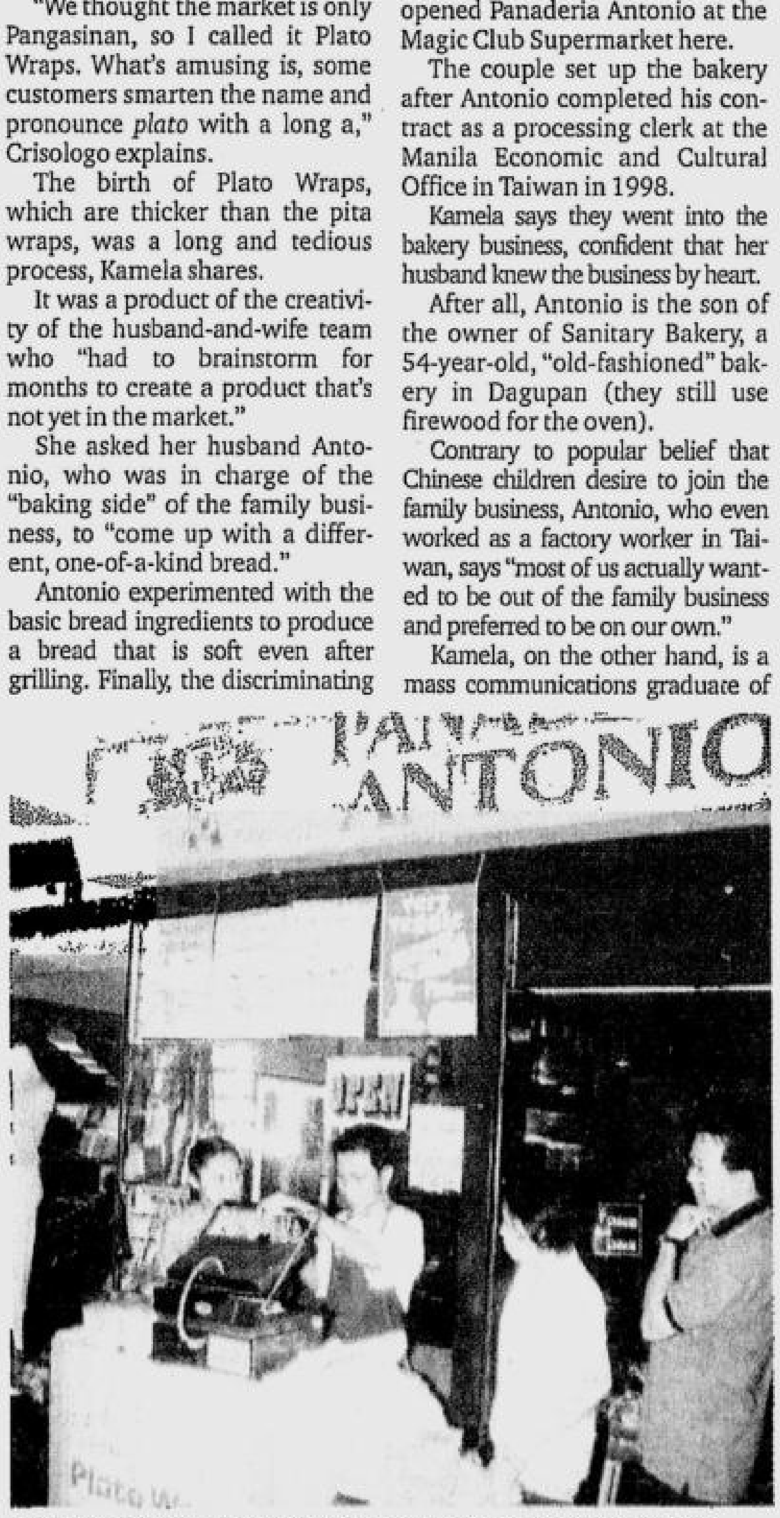
When Antonio went home in 1998, Kamela convinced him to start a "bakery with a twist."

So he went back to the baking business, "something that I can do even with my eyes closed," he says.

"It's like your neighborhood panaderia that sells very affordable traditional Filipino bread like *pan de sal, pan de limon, pan de coco, hopia, monay* and the like but with specialty breads. The customers can enter the shop, select the bread that they want and pay at the cashier," Kamela says.

While the couple belonged to relatively well-to-do families, Kamela described themselves as small-time businessmen.

"We were on our own since Day One of our marriage," she shares. "Every time we open a shop, we have to offer our house and lot (a 250-square meter lot in Tapuac district where the bakery is also located) as collateral for a bank loan. *Hindi ko na nga yata nahahawakan ang title ng lote*," Kamela says.



PANGASINAN'S Plato Wraps has made its way to Metro Manila.

M E S S A G E

My father fondly referred to the Gregorio Araneta University Foundation (GAUF) as his sixth heir. He had big dreams for this heir.

He envisioned it –

To be an instrument of God, a university that teaches the students the verities of the mortal life and the life everlasting;

To be a place of learning, molding the students to be men of vision and mission in life, one of love and service to his family, to his country, to humanity and God;

To be a means where the students would not only gain classroom education but also acquire the skills for lifelong learning – a continuous learning anchored on the realities of our times, seeking not only what he could get from society but also how he can serve the country.

Like a child, GAUF underwent a lot of changes. From being an Institute of Agriculture, it has matured into a full-fledged university. Through it all, my father as its President guided GAUF like his own child to follow its road.

Now, as we celebrate the centenary of his birth, GAUF is also entering a new phase of its life as the De La Salle – Araneta University. Having been integrated into the De La Salle System, we are confident that Bro. Rolly Dizon at its helm will continue my father's task of leading the school based on our shared vision of excellence, integrity and belief in God.

Bro. Rolly Dizon played a big role in looking after GAUF when he was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1985-86 and later on when he became the Chairman from 1987-1995. As Bro. Rolly Dizon becomes the President of the De La Salle – Araneta University, we are confident that we are leaving a member of our family, my father's sixth heir, to capable hands who can steer the school forward to reach what my father has envisioned and carry her to greater heights.

If my father were alive today, we, his family and heirs, are sure that he would be very happy to see his dreams continue through the boundless energy of the De La Salle community to create a university of service for God and Country that GAUF was meant to be.

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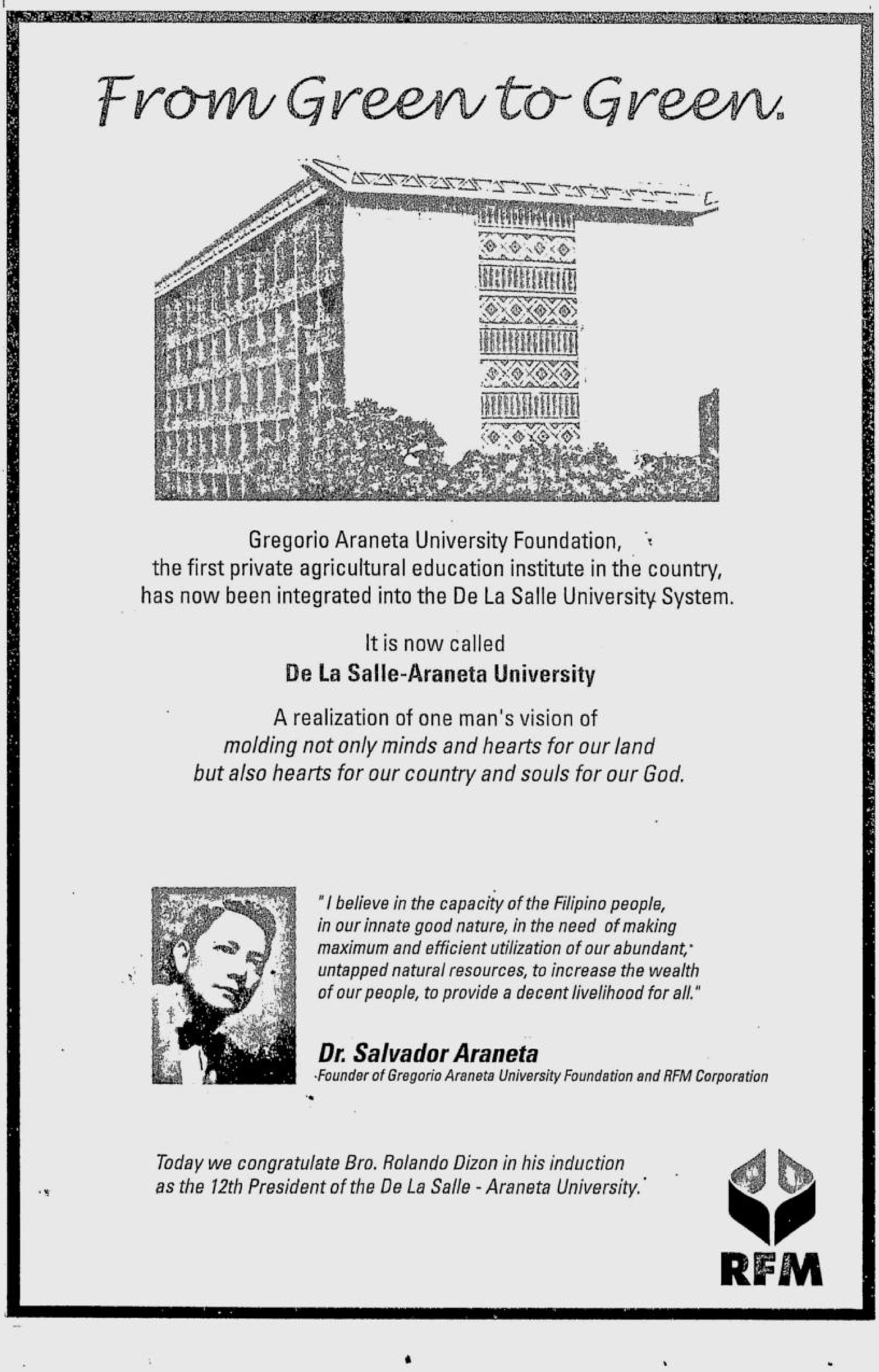

From Green to Green.

Gregorio Araneta University Foundation,
the first private agricultural education institute in the country,
has now been integrated into the De La Salle University System.

It is now called
De La Salle-Araneta University

A realization of one man's vision of
molding not only minds and hearts for our land
but also hearts for our country and souls for our God.

"I believe in the capacity of the Filipino people,
in our innate good nature, in the need of making
maximum and efficient utilization of our abundant,
untapped natural resources, to increase the wealth
of our people, to provide a decent livelihood for all."

Dr. Salvador Araneta
Founder of Gregorio Araneta University Foundation and RFM Corporation

Today we congratulate Bro. Rolando Dizon in his induction
as the 12th President of the De La Salle - Araneta University.

RFM

Lopez spearheads tri-media coverage of 2003 Advertising Congress

LOPEZ

IT PROMISES to be one of media's biggest scoops as the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) and the United Print Media Group (UPMG), representing the media sector, join hands to organize next year's Ad Congress.

ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. chair and CEO Eugenio Lopez III has been tapped to head the 18th PAC executive committee and is expected to spearhead the full tri-media coverage of one of the most celebrated events of 2003.

Lopez III, better known as Gabby, has expressed all-out support behind the country's advertising pillars in pursuing the vision of making the Philippines the center for creative excellence in Asia. A leader and achiever in his own right, he says he is determined to make his mark by trailblazing historic endeavors for the premier advertising event.

As a start, he has gathered the various organizations involved in the event for a series of team-building activities that aim to strengthen their team spirit. He has also committed to document a first-ever manual which will institutionalize the working knowledge for future Ad Congresses. The pillars, as well as past and present players in the industry, would be references for this manual. After a decade, Lopez also made it possible for the media to once again host the PAC.

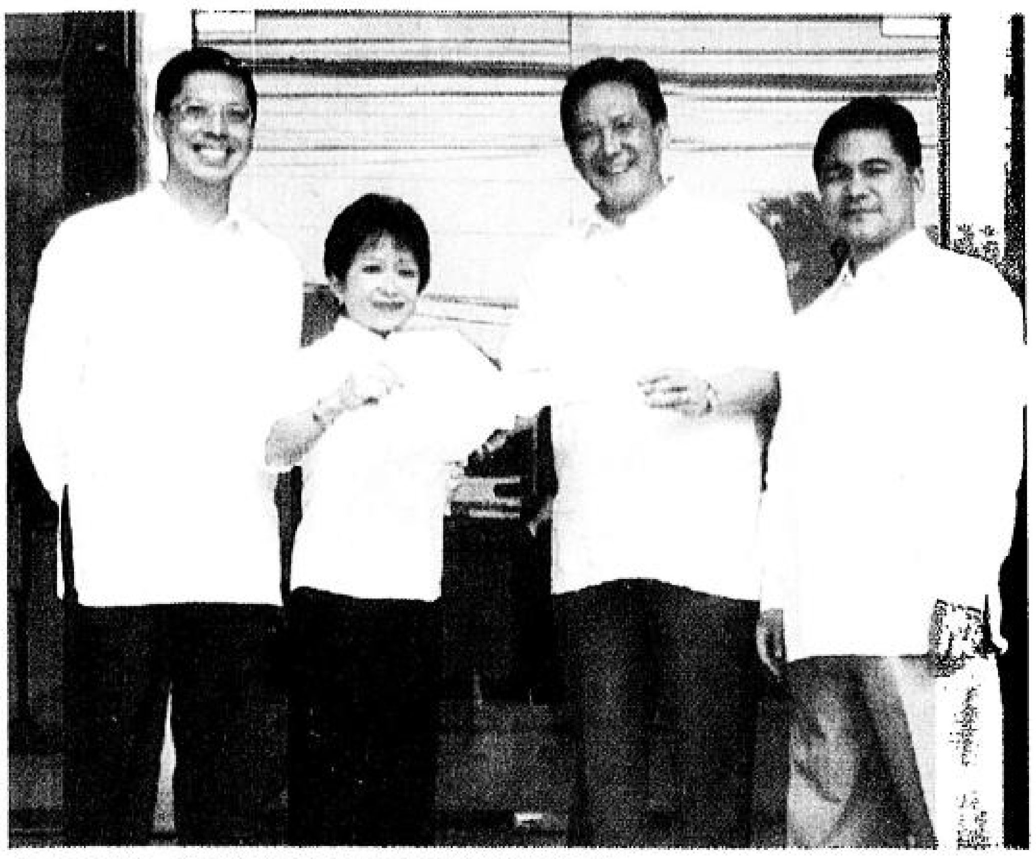
Gabby Lopez hails from the third generation of Lopezes whose media empire can rightfully lay claim to being a part of the country's history. He assumed his post as ABS-CBN chair in 1997, after his father, the late Eugenio "Geny" Lopez Jr., turned over the reins of the family-owned corporation to him.

ABS-CBN has enjoyed network leadership since its founding in 1953, apart from the years 1972 to 1986 when the Marcos government took full control of the company and all its affiliates. When the company was restored by the Aquino administration in 1986, the young Lopez started as director of finance. He was appointed general manager a year later and the network regained its supremacy shortly after.

Lopez's leadership has seen the steady growth of the network's staple business, even as he has aggressively pursued the company's diversification into such areas as interactive media, sound recording, post-production, international cable and satellite distribution, cinema, and licensing and merchandising, making ABS-CBN the largest media conglomerate in the country today.

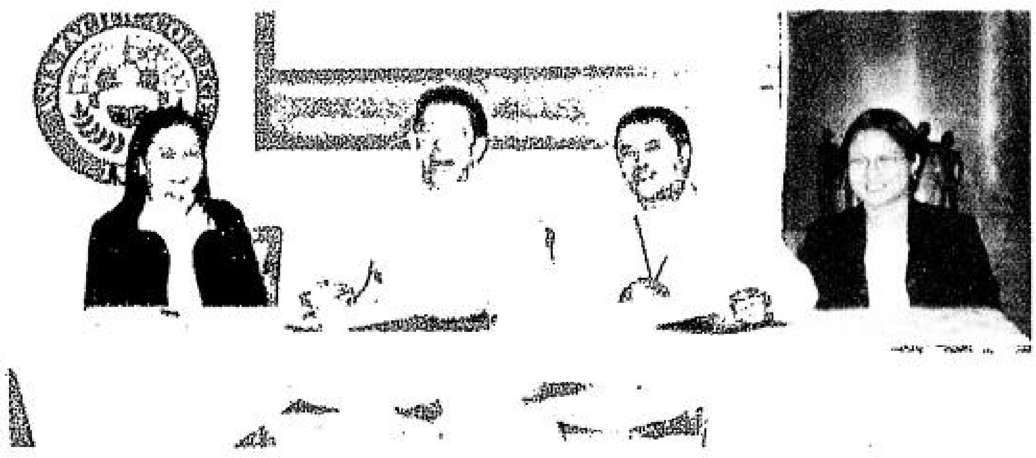
In 1997, he initiated the creation of the Lopez Communications Group (CommGroup), where he also sits as chair and CEO. CommGroup is the management committee that oversees the development and implementation of convergence projects for ABS-CBN along with Lopez interests in telecommunications, cable telephony and data warehousing such as Bayantel and SkyCable.

With a tried and true maverick heading the 18th PAC, Ad Congress history will never be the same again.



ATLANTA CENTRE WELCOMES TENANT

Atlanta Centre building administrator Amy Syquio hands over a symbolic key to the building to officials of UCPB led by, from left, UCPB asset management consultant Gerard Garcia, UCPB vice president Jose Claravall and UCPB Annapolis branch head Primo Castro. UCPB, which has put up a branch in the building, joins other Atlanta Centre tenants who were attracted by the building's excellent amenities and strategic location along-Annapolis Street. One of the newest office buildings in Greenhills, the Atlanta Centre is also the tallest at 36 stories. The top floors offer a spectacular view of the Ortigas and Makati business districts, the Marikina mountain ranges, Laguna de Bay and Manila Bay.



APC, ISD SIGN MOA

Asia Pacific College (APC), an educational partnership of SM Foundation and IBM Philippines, recently signed a memorandum of agreement with IBM Solutions Delivery Inc. (ISD), to be one of their industry partners for its Industry-Academe Cooperative Education (Internship) Program. Shown are Cora Amores, APC career and placement officer, Dr. Paulino Tan, APC president, Emmanuel Mendoza, ISD president and general manager, and Nicky Enriquez, ISD HR manager.

STAIRS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Stairs (Saved to Train Artists in Reaching Souls) started in December 2001 and was founded by Paul M. Ballano, the president and creative director of Stairs. Stairs is devoted to assist in the development of theatrical skills in the local Christian churches throughout the country. Stairs evangelizes to different campuses both in the high school and college levels once a month. It has completed 10 major concerts in Metro Manila and North Luzon and was able to minister to more than 10,000 people in its workshop-concert mission tours. Stairs will be having a special concert 'One' on Dec. 13, in celebration of The Five New Faces of Modern Evangelism through Theater, at the Word of Hope, in front of SM North Edsa. Ticket price is P150. For inquiries and ticket reservations call Stairs Prod at 371-6778.

PAREB-RBR LAUNCHES ONLINE MARKETING

The Philippine Association of Realtors Board Inc. (Pareb)-Rizal Board of Directors recently launched its online marketing through the recently concluded e-HOME expo at Megatrade Hall 2, Level 5 SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. The e-HOME expo distinguished itself with the Internet lounge where visitors could search for properties according to their budgets and requirements. This was one of the first-ever featured Internet-based real estate multi-listing systems. Shown during the opening ceremonies were (front row, from left) Emelia A. Alvarez, assistant business manager, Pareb-RBR, Ambassador Delia Albert, Department of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary, Maloy T. Garcia, president, Pareb-RBR, and Luis Melchor Serquina, Pareb national president. Back row, from left, are Jocelyn V. Yumul, RBR member, TA Antonio, Pareb SVP, Liza Prudente, VP-Luzon, Pareb, Cynthia Lapus, MPLR 2002, lawyer Rene N. Carreon, director, asset management department, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Product FILES

Fight heart attack with Vitamin E

GOOD news to health buffs: daily intake of Vitamin E supplements may actually be your armor against the risk of heart disease, reportedly reducing the rate of its occurrence by 77 percent.

NATURAL VITAMIN E
ENAT 400

"Recent studies involving Vitamin E and its actual prevention of the risk of heart disease are very overwhelming. These indeed might change the way people look at Vitamin E—from another skin vitamin to a major heart disease fighter," says Diamond Jaafar, product manager of Enat Vitamin E, a new natural Vitamin E brand manufactured and marketed by Mega Philippines.

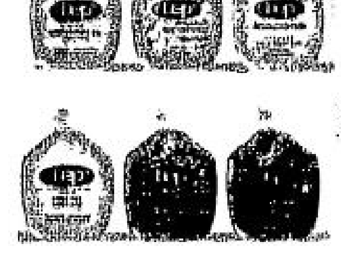
In a nutshell, Vitamin E helps maintain a healthy heart and blood vessels by reducing aggregation of the bad cholesterol in blood vessels, which is responsible for sudden heart attacks and abnormal clotting of the blood.

People should know that there is life after heart disease. They have an affordable cure in the form of Enat Natural Vitamin E. "All they have to do now is complement it with a healthy lifestyle—no bad habits plus good diet," advises Jaafar.

Enat Vitamin E is available in 100 and 400 IU and is now available at all leading drugstores nationwide. For more information on Enat Vitamin E, call Mega Philippines at 837-8550 or e-mail consucare@megaproducts.com.

Hold that hair!

FILIPINOS are legendary when it comes to personal hygiene. Maybe it's genetic memory. Remember, even before the Spanish colonizers came, we had gugo and coconut oil for our hair.



Since 1954, when DEP invented the hair gel, it has been helping people style their hair. Fast forward to 2002. DEP gel is still striving to improve on its products. Aside from long-lasting control of your hairstyle, DEP gels now have conditioners for a healthy hold, so you can shape your hair without the damaging effect of harsh hair-styling products.

Aside from its usual line of gels like Shine Gel, Moisturizing Gel, and Texturizing Gel, DEP introduces in the Philippines the DEP Botanicals and the DEP Sport 2-in-1 Anti-Dandruff and Styling gel.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR FILIPINAS

Planters Development Bank (Plantersbank), the country's largest private development bank in the country, recently participated in Entrepreneur Magazine Philippines' Entrepreneur Seminar Series at the Motherhood and Woman Expo held at the Megatrade Hall 2 of SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City. Plantersbank senior vice president Agnes Angeles (3rd from left) gave tips and valuable advice for Filipinas who want to put up their own business through the seminar 'Best Businesses for Filipinas'. Angeles is shown with (from left) Summit Media Publishing Inc marketing and promotions associates Stella Aque and Cha Clarino along with marketing assistant Torto Canga. Plantersbank is the leading development bank of small and medium enterprises.

DUNKIN DONUTS COFFEE PLUG

Marian Santos, corporate training services manager of Golden Donuts Inc., talks about the freshness and affordability of Dunkin Donuts original coffee at a recent appearance over the popular noontime TV show 'Eat Bulaga' at GMA 7. With her are program hosts Janno Gibbs and Ruby Rodriguez.

2nd Philippine Direct Marketing forum slated

TARGET market has always been the buzzword in businesses, yet knowing whom your target market is and how to address them is quite difficult. However, not all are successful in getting to know or in addressing their exact target markets. Addressing these problems, Salt and Light Ventures will be having its Second Philippine Direct Marketing from Nov. 13 to 14 at the Makati Shangri-la Hotel.

The Second Philippine Direct Marketing (DM) Forum will focus on the latest trends, strategies and techniques in direct marketing and search for new ways to hook the target market.

"Customer Relation Management (CRM), database, marketing, loyalty programs, interactive, Short Messaging Services (SMS), one-on-one and e-mail marketing and more are among the latest techniques to get clients," says Ardy Roberto, founder of DM Forum. "And if you're fishing for more customers, you'll know that these emerging direct marketing strategies and techniques are the buzzwords in today's marketplace. What they are about and how to use these 'hooks' to your advantage, and how to integrate them into your marketing plan are among the things you'll get to know on the 2nd Philippine DM Forum." Roberto adds.

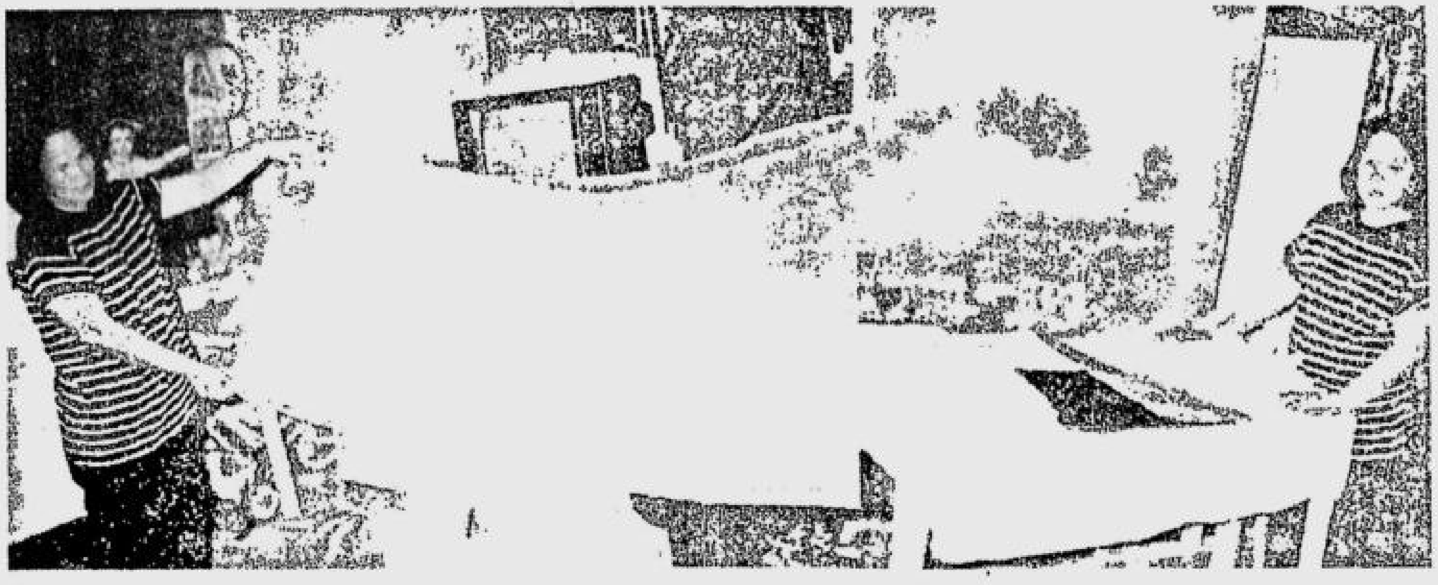
The DM Forum highlights CRM Best Practices: From prospect to customer to advocate, The Heart of DM: Why it's all worth it, Interactive Marketing: Best Practices in SMS, Internet and Wireless Marketing, Consumer Insighting and Intelligence: Using the Power of Research to Create a Strong DM Positioning Strategy, Unfaithful: The Myths of Loyalty Programs, Direct Mail Still Finds Direct Hits: direct marketing success stories and failures, What's New, What Works, The Challenges of Doing DM in the Philippines and An Interactive Creative Explosion.

The talks will be led by business practitioners in the field of direct marketing, namely Angeli Lambsdorff and Ernest Custodio of Indio-CRM, Kent Wertime and Shane Weaver of OgilvyInteractive in Singapore, Dr. Ned Roberto and Joe Miranda, professors at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Dickie Soriano of BCD-Pinpoint Direct Marketers, and Ichay Bulaong of FirstDirect-Leo Burnett.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity. For more information, call the secretariat at 813-2732, 813-2745, or 813-2703 or e-mail dmforum@edsamail.com.ph.

Lumbeños find fortune in Lumban's century(ies)-old barong business

By Romulo Ponte
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



MAGDALENA Baring exhibits ready-for-sale *barong* cloth manufactured by her children.

PHOTOS BY ROMULO PONTE

AIDE de Ramos shows off finished *barong* cloth.

THESE ladies embroider *barong* by hand.

LUMBAN, Laguna—"With just one (bulk) order of *barong*, I was able to buy a brand new Toyota Corolla car (just recently)," reveals Rolly de Ramos, a barong entrepreneur in his 50s.

Lumban has been known for its *barongs* and for a long time, manufacturing of *barong* products has been the major source of income for most of the Lumbenos.

Rolly and Aida

Rolly and his wife Aida de Ramos told the INQUIRER that their parents, who were engaged in *barong* industry, introduced them to the business since childhood. Thus, it is no surprise for them to excel in the business that they've grew up with.

The couple is among the barong manufacturers who are currently participating in the Burdang (*Barong*) Lumban Festival. The festival is a month-long celebration that showcases the artistry of the *barong* makers. It was a project of the people of Lumban through the leadership of Mayor Reynato S. Macalalag.

Today, the couple expressed gratitude and pride to the *barong* industry that have provided them financial stability over the years.

Through their business, they were able to send their children to school. Their two sons, both graduates of marine courses, are now working as seamen abroad, while their only daughter, who also finished college, helps them in their business.

"Because of *barong* many people have survived and many have become rich," he said.

Rolly confides that the bulk of his customers come from Mindanao, particularly Davao. "They are the ones who really arrange for orders either by phone or by coming here personally," he enthusiastically said.

"This industry could be called a multimillion investment, especially for those among us here who have outlets in big malls in Manila, like Rustan's, SM Shoemarts, Robinson's Galleria and the like," Rolly revealed.

He said he bought his brand-new Toyota car several months back when somebody ordered a big bulk of barong.

"Ganon talaga pag maraming *umo*-order (This normally happens when customers make big orders). Big orders mean big profits," he said.

The prices of *barong* vary according to quality, design and type of *barong* cloth used. "We have what we called `Pechera', `Laraya', which could be cheaper depending on the designs made," he explained.

Barong prices rise as customers made personal choices of their designs like what actor Richard Gomez and Lucy Torres did for their wedding (he did not specify, though, what embroidery firm did the couple made their special order).

Rolly said prices of their products vary from P4,000, P10,000 to more than P19,000.

Lenny and Magdalena

Lenny Badolis, who owns "Lenny's Fine Embroidery" business showed the INQUIRER her many exquisite *barong*, from polo to dresses and gowns and plane cloths of various designs.

Reluctant to reveal her prices during the Barong Festival exhibit at the town plaza, Badolis nonetheless named her best and quality-made products from the cheaper to the more expensive ones. She enumerated her best products that include: hand-painted *pina*, rainbow *pina*, checkered pina, assorted jusi *barong*, *lukot mayaman* (Ramie Linen), *bihis mayaman* (Hugo Boss) and `soft-n-smooth items.'

Magdalena Baring, 54, confided to the INQUIRER that since birth the Barong Business was already her parents' main occupation aside from her late father (Ruben Ramos) being a boatman and fisherman.

She admitted that through to the family's *barong* business, even though small-scale, most of her seven siblings either finished their courses or were successful in their present occupations.

Magdalena and her husband Bernardo Baring, 50, a retired Philippine Airforce officer and a taxi operator is now investing into the *barong* business operated by the family. Their three children: Caroline, 29: Christopher, 28 and Clarence, 26. were taking courses at Far Eastern University, Manuel L. Quezon University and Union College (Sta. Cruz, Laguna), respectively, but eventually got married and quit. They are now helping their mother Magdalena manage their family barong business.

Mrs. Baring told the INQUIRER that they manufacture *barong* products whether there are orders or not. There are always buyers. There is no need to wait for orders because customers just come without prior notice.

She said her children knew very well the processes of making *barong* products. The *barong* cloth raw materials, which are brought to Lumban from Kalibo, Aklan are cut into specific measurements enough for specific purposes. Then the cloth is subjected to "stamping design" which is usually performed by an artist who either invents unique designs or some patterns available.

When the design is finished, the cloth now undergoes "Kolado" or "Butas-butas" (making tiny holes on the cloth). Afterward, the cloth is now ready for embroidery (either by hand or machine.) After the embroidery stage, the *barong* cloth is now ready for "bastidor" (*binabanat*) washing where the cloth is being tightly stretched and mounted on a rectangular frame while being washed, cleaned and dried. Finally, the finished *barong* cloth is now ready for sale at prices depending on the type of the cloth.

Baring said their type of barong cloth is either Pinya-Pinya or Pinya Silk. Pinya-Pinya is more costly at P280 or more per piece, while Pinya Silk is cheaper at about P120 per piece. When the cloth is further sold as a ready-made (ready-to-wear) product, the prices could either range from P3,500 to P4.000 per piece.

Magdalena said her daughter-in-law is the artist of the family and she performs most of the stamping designs of the barong. The have to pay at least P7.00 if they had others do the stamping design for them. The machine embroidery (if not performed by hand) costs from P50 to P100 per design of *barong* cloth. Those who do the "Bastidor" work also receive a different pay.

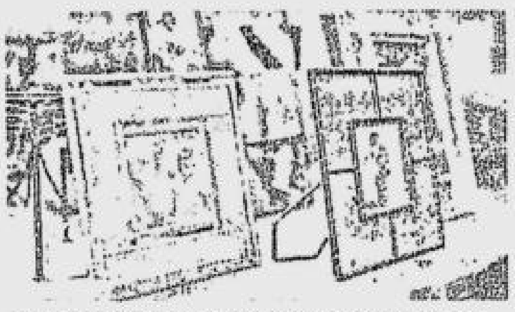
Festival

Meanwhile, municipal Mayor Reynato S. Macalalag told the INQUIRER that the *barong* festival in Lumban is a testimony that the barong industry is still thriving and contributing to the economy of the municipality and the country.

"Lumban, Laguna, is one of the few towns that has kept the embroidery tradition alive. We have devoted our time, skill and effort in the development of this craft. Our artisans have introduced new designs and stitches, all adding to the beauty of an embroidered garment," Macalalag said.

Macalalag had said, out of the estimated 28,000 population in the municipality, 80 percent are engaged in the *barong* business, whether small or large-scale.

Barong and embroidery craft of Lumban have been the major means of livelihood of the Lumbenos for the past decades. No wonder, for all these years, Lumban *barong* and embroidery has been recognized as one of the best in the world.



PICTURE frames made of wrought iron are popular abroad.

David gives. . .

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Despite their thorough development process, the rate of attrition for new products is still nothing short of merciless.

"If you create 100 products, you are lucky if 10 are approved. You must do your homework, specially the sourcing of raw materials," he notes.

Deeply entrenched in Camarines Sur, Bicol, where he hails from and where he operates his production facility, L-ray sources virtually all of his raw materials locally. The import content of his products is only 10 percent.

In fact, one of L-ray's proudest sourcing feats is gathering dried coconut husks *(bao)*, commonly used in the provinces as firewood, to create candle holders which won the Golden Shell Awards bestowed by Citem.

As early as 1996, L-ray established a US marketing office to fully tap the potential of the US market. Improving his distribution chain, he rented a warehouse in Los Angeles, California, in 2000, and set up a Hong Kong satellite office in 2001.

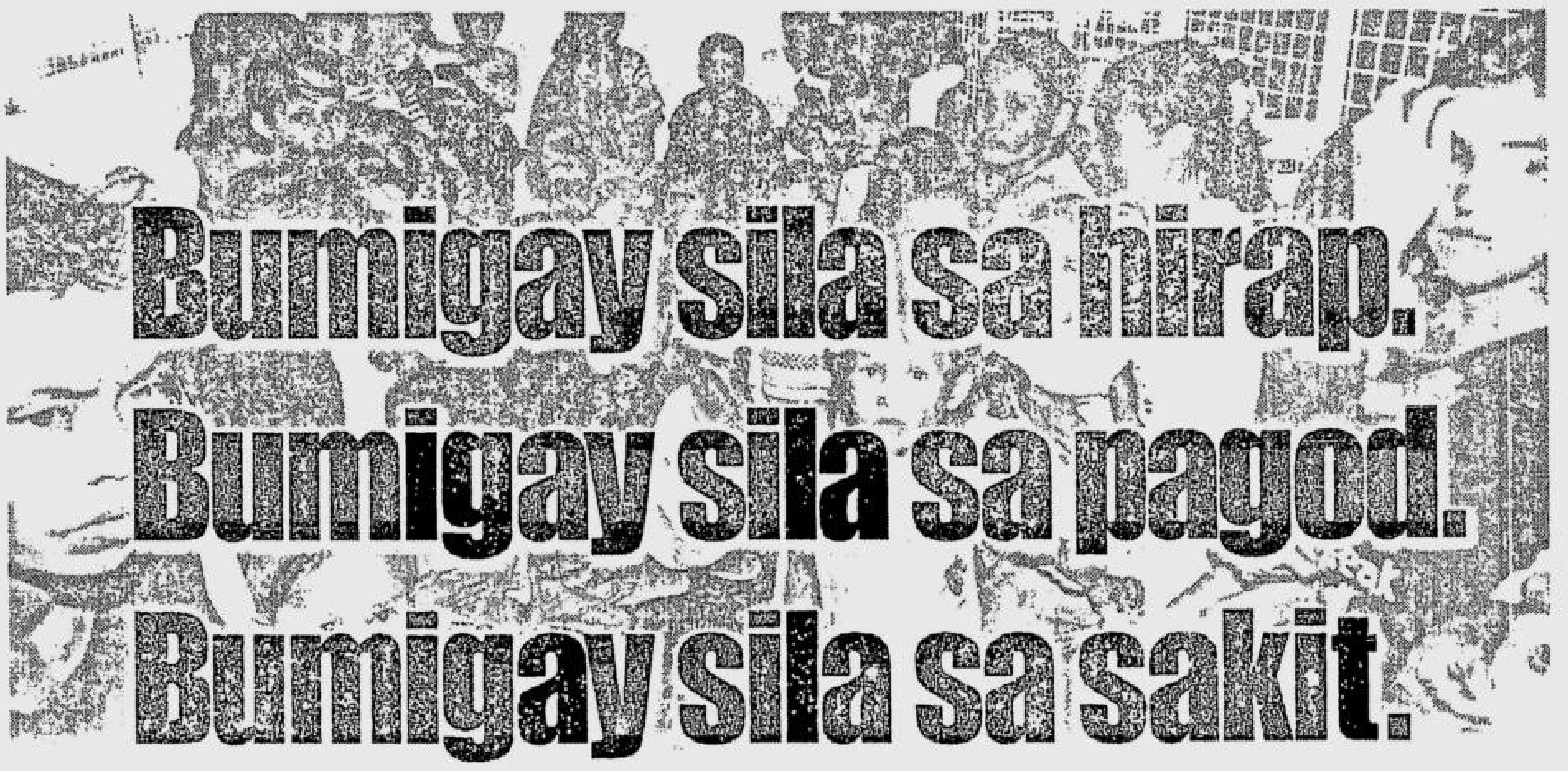
"If they won't come to us, let's go to them," he comments.

For L-ray, forward vision is not limited to production and distribution processes. Since the inception of Lara's Gifts and Decors, Lara has handled the creative side while L-ray concentrated on production and finance. Three years ago, the couple flipped roles.

"You never know if something will happen to either of us. By switching roles, we can fill each others shoes even on a day-to-day basis," L-ray says.

"In the international market, there are no excuses. *Hindi pwede yung hindi namin natapos kasi may brownout o may nagkasakit* (We can't say that we can't beat the deadline because of brownouts or because someone got sick). There is a huge premium on your word of honor," he concludes.

For Filipino exporters ready and willing to put up a good fight, there is indeed hope in the international market. They can take their cue from Lara's Gifts and Decors which began as a backyard industry run by a couple plus two helpers and fought every inch to become a 2-hectare operation giving livelihood to more than 500 in-house employees and 2,000 subcontractors in the countryside.


Bumigay sila sa hirap.
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Bigyan natin ng kahit kaunting ginhawa ang ating mga kababayan na pinalayas sa Sabah, Malaysia. Hirap, pagod at sakit pa rin ang kalaban nila sa mga Holding Centers. Makakatulong tayo. De lata, gamot, damit, tisyu... para mas madali, pera. Matitiis ba natin sila?

Tayo, bumigay na ba?

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IT guru never saw a computer until his first day of work

THE YOUNG Lagman

FORTY years later

IT was the swinging '60s and Augusto "Gus" Lagman was swaying to a different beat—the hum of a colossal IBM machine at the sprawling Philamlife Building along Isaac Peral (now UN Avenue) in Manila.

Just a year out of the UP campus, Lagman was plucked by IBM to fill up its data processing center in 1962 when computer technology was still at its nascent stage.

FIRST JOB

Lagman says he was surprised himself when he became IBM's first computer programmer in just three months of training sessions considering that he never saw a computer before. "I didn't even know what IBM stood for when I applied for the job. IBM was known then mainly for selling Bundy clocks and electric typewriters," Lagman recalls.

In his first year on the job, Lagman says he would spend most his time in the Philamlife building across the IBM building to use the insurance firm's mainframe computer—the country's first commercial computer installed by Big Blue in 1961. IBM would get its own computer in 1964 when it moved to its Makati office.

"The computer was so huge it nearly occupied an entire floor of the Philamlife building. It had a printer and card reader that was the size of two big refrigerators. But while the computer was as big as a basketball court, it only had a 4 kilobyte memory which is smaller than the SIM card of your cell phone," Lagman says. It had no monitor nor data disks as data was encoded by punching holes through the IBM cards that would be fed to and sorted by the computer.

Lagman says: "My job was to design system and write programs for companies that want to computerize their business processes. For example, I did computer programs for Philamlife that process premium payments and do some actuarial computation."

Other companies that computerized their operations early on were the Social Security System, United Laboratories Inc. and Esso.

Being one of the few Filipino experts in the then esoteric field of computers, a young Lagman was tapped to train other IBM employees in Manila and around Asia. "More companies were beginning to see the value of installing computers and IBM was pressed to develop more computer programmers," Lagman says.

To address the dearth of experts in the field, Philippine schools soon rode on the computer bandwagon by getting their own units, mostly with the aid of foreign grants. IBM allowed Lagman to moonlight as a professor at the Mapua Institute of Technology for two years where he taught a one-unit course in computer programming (Fortran).

"I was just a few pages ahead of my students because I also had to learn the new technology. The only difference I had with my students (at least 60 in a class) was my experience."

In 1968, Lagman said goodbye to IBM along with six other colleagues to form a computer school, Computer Associates or Compass, in Makati. "I never felt really cushy in my job because of the corporate environment. I had some ideas that I could not pursue because I had to get all the way to the top (to IBM's New York office) to get the green light."

Lagman and his partners chipped in P2,000 each for the school's initial capital of P14,000. With a faculty made up of former Big Blue employees, Compass had six classrooms and 500 students enrolled at its peak.

"We were teaching short courses in computer programming to college graduates, mostly in engineering, to fill up the growing demand for programmers. Traditional schools then were not offering computer-programming degrees except for Mapua."

Compass, however, was forced to close down in 1973 due to financial trouble not from its edu-

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Sime Darby Sime Darby Pilipinas, Inc.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS'S MEETING

To All Stockholders:

Please be notified that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the corporation will be held at the Garcia Villa and Batangas Room of The Manila Peninsula Manila, corner Ayala and Makati Avenues, Makati City on Friday, **October 18, 2002**, at 10:00 in the morning. The Agenda will be:

1. Call to order
2. Certification on Sending of Notices and Presence of Quorum
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of the Stockholder's Meeting held **October 26, 2001**.
4. Management Report to Stockholders for the FY 2001-2002
5. Consideration of Financial Statements, FY 2001-2002
6. Amendment of Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation and Article II Section I of the By-laws to reduce the number of directors from eleven (11) to five (5)
7. Amendment of Article II Section 7 of the By-laws to incorporate a provision that every director should attend at least 50% of all the board meetings regular or special
8. Ratification of Acts of the Board of Directors and Officers for the FY 2001-2002
9. Election of Directors
10 Appointment of External Auditors
11. Other Matters pertinent or germane to the above
12. Adjournment

All stockholders of record as of **24 September 2002** are entitled to notice of and to vote at the said annual meeting.

If you cannot personally attend the meeting and would like to be represented by a proxy, a written and signed copy of the proxy must be received by the Corporate Secretary not later that **15 October 2002**. In the case of a corporation, the proxy must be signed by a duly authorized officer.

Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines, 08 October 2002.

(Sgd.) **RONALD E. JAVIER**
Corporate Secretary

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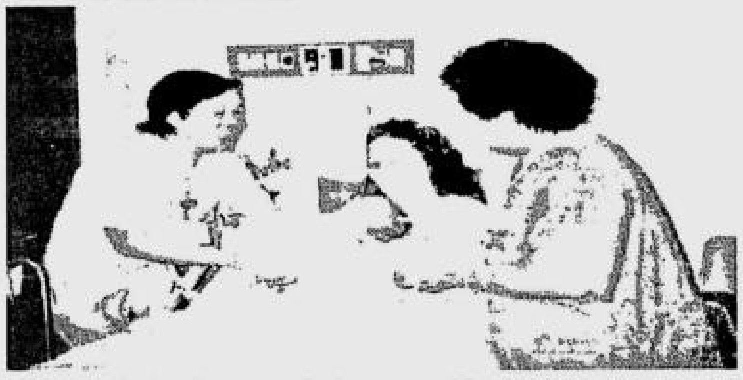

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DAVAO	**- Marco Polo Hotel**	October 22 & 23
MANILA	**- IPAMS Office**	October 24, 25, & 26

HealthStar International Inc., a major staffing company from ***Houston, Texas*** will be in town on **October 19 to 26, 2002** identifying nurses for its client, ***BRAZOSPORT Memorial Hospital.*** **Mr. Craig Gwinner** of ***HealthStar*** together with **Brazosport** representatives - **Mesdames Sheila Coggins** and **Marisa Masangkay,RN** will conduct selections and execute contracts.

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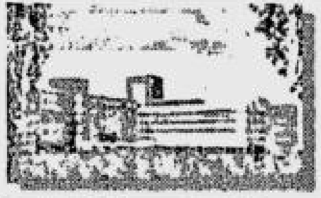

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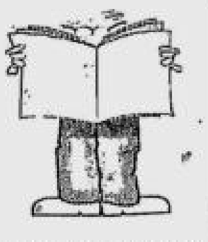

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In compliance with RA 7041, Publication of Vacant Positions:

(1) Human Resource Management Officer V, SG-24, Item No. OSEC-DSWDB-HRMO5-2-1998 (CPDD)

Educational Requirement	:	Masteral Degree relevant to the job;
Experience Requirement	:	4 years in position/s involving management and supervision; career planning and development;
Training Requirement	:	24 hours of training on management and supervision;
Eligibility Requirement	:	CS Professional; 2nd Level Eligibility

Those who meet the qualification requirements, may submit their application directly to the Office of the Undersecretary of General Administration and Support Services on or before **October 15, 2002.**

(Sgd.) **GUILLERMA E. FLORES**
Director, Administrative Service

(PDI - Oct. 13, 2002)

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URGENT RECRUITMENT

UNIDO

The UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
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REQUIREMENTS: Preferably an Accounting graduate; At least two years experience in a similar position; Experience with other foreign-funded organization an advantage.

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- ✔ Computer literate (MS Office, POS Systems, etc.)

Written applications with your curriculum vitaé should be sent to the Executive Director at 2594 Lamayan St., Sta. Ana, Manila or through Fax No. 563-4632, e-mail: safrudi@skyinet.net and must arrive not later than 19 October 2002. Only pre-qualified applicants will be notified.

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POEA LICENSE 164-LB-040102-R
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Starting November 15, 2002, Pasig City Government shall conduct a series of **AUCTION SALE** of real properties with tax delinquency to be held at Pasig City Sports Center.

Please pay your tax obligation to avoid inclusion in the **PUBLIC AUCTION.**

Mrs. CRISPINA V. SALUMBRE
Acting City Treasurer

(PDI–Oct. 13, 2002)

NOTICE OF LOSS

This is to notify the public that Acknowledgments Receipts Nos.:

1. 14101-14150
2. 02601-02650
3. 08751-08800
4. 01101-01150
5. 02255-02300

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For more information, please call or see us at **10th Floor, Tower II, The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City Tel. No. 849-9900**

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PHILIPPINES

LOAN NO. 1665

METRO MANILA AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Expression of Interest

The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of the Metro Manila Air Quality Improvement Sector Development Project (Investment Loan).

The objective of the Program is to promote policy reforms to improve air quality through the abatement of mobile and stationary sources of air pollution. It focuses on the Metro Manila air shed, the location of the main concentrations of air pollution. Within the Metro Manila air shed, the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) is responsible for collecting ambient air quality data. The EMB is currently evaluating proposals from private consulting companies to update, refurbish and operate the existing air quality-monitoring network. 'The network is comprised of nine fixed and one mobile station, each containing conventional monitors. Continuous monitoring will be conducted for nitrogen oxides, ozone, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, PM 10, PM 2.5, THC, benzene, toluene and xyiene and meteorological conditions. TSP and Lead will be sampled on a 24 hours basis.

Consulting Services

The following consulting services will be engaged following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

Component 1: Develop Guidelines and Procedures - will require one foreign Quality Assurance (QA) expert in Manila for 3 to 4 person-months must have at least 5 years experience in quality management systems and procedures. Experience in conducting training is also necessary.

Component 2: Support Plan Implementation - will require one foreign Environmental Specialist in Manila for 12 person-months, must have at least 5 years experience in operating ambient air quality networks and in data quality review/verification. Knowledge of USEPA protocol, procedures and requirements for quality assurance is also necessary. Hands-on experience in instrument calibration/performance audits is a must. Overseas experience is desirable.

The Consultants should contact the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at the address below for more detailed description of the services required.

Interested parties may secure Pre-qualification documents from the PEVAC Secretariat c/o Ms. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, Foreign Assisted and Special Programs Office, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City with telephone nos. **928-0970/928-0028/926-8065** starting **October 14, 2002** at 9:00 a.m.

Deadline for the submission of Expression of Interest and duly accomplished Pre-qualification documents shall not be later than 4:00 p.m. of **15 December 2002** addressed to:

RAMON J.P. PAJE
Undersecretary and Chairman, PEVAC
c/o the PEVAC Secretariat
Foreign Assisted and Special Programs Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Fax No. (632) 926-2689

Specific Notice

(Sgd.) **RAMON J.P. PAJE**
DENR Undersecretary and PEVAC, Chairman

(PDI - Oct. 13 & 20, 2002)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG KAGALINGANG PANLIPUNAN AT PAGPAPAUNLAD
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
BATASAN PAMBANSA COMPLEX, CONSTITUTION HILLS
QUEZON CITY

PHILIPPINE 2000

Invitation for Bids

Loan No. 4301-PH
RFQ No. ECD-02/DSWD-0010

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines (through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of Information Technology (IT) Equipment.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Project Management Office (PMO) of the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of IT Equipment. This includes fifty (50) units each of Hi-End Brand Desktop Computer, with Modem, Hi-Brand Laser Printer, Hi-Brand Uninterruptible Power Supply and two (2) units Hi-End Laptop Computer.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **21 October 2002** from Ms. Maricris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) 9318161, (632) 9318101-07 local 125, and fax no. (632) 9316146 or 9318127.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders in the amount of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P 1,000.00) starting **21 October 2002** upon submission of letter of intent to the above.
5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank *Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.*
6. Bids must be delivered to the Property Division, 2nd floor, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on or before 10:00 A.M. on **8 November 2002** and must be accompanied by a bid security of two (2) percent of the total price.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 10 A.M. on **8 November 2002** at Administrative Conference Room, Batasan Complex, Quezon City.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on **25 October 2002** at 10 A.M. at the address indicated in paragraph 7.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary and Chairperson, DSWD-BAC

(PDI--Oct. 13 & 20, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION

North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for the:
Supply of:
LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR THE SRA MAIN BUILDING
Approved Budget : Php 9,091,763.00
PCAB Registration and Classification License at least Medium B
(Water System and Sprinkler Works)

Only pre-qualified bidders as of November 5 shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on **December 6, 2002** at the SRA Lobby at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-qualification forms shall be issued starting **October 15, 2002** and the deadline for the submission of said requirements shall be on **November 4, 2002.**

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on **November 5.** Thereafter, bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php 1,000.00 each.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on **November 21** at the SRA Lobby at 9:00 a.m.

All bids must be accompanied by bid bonds in the amount of 2.5% of the total cost of the tender or offer - either in cash, Manager's check or surety bond issued by insurety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission or any combination thereof.

For further inquiries, please call:

THE SECRETARIAT
SRA Bidding and Awards Committee
Tel. No. 929-68-37

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality or defect therein, and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to the SRA.

(SGD.) **JAMES C. LEDESMA**
Administrator

(PDI--Oct. 13, 2002)

INVITATION TO BID
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Manila

BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement and delivery of various hospital supplies and materials for First Semester CY, 2003 and Hospital Services for CY 2003.

- Only responsible and duly licensed/accredited suppliers and/or exclusive distributors under the governing rules of the DOH Accreditation Committee and duly registered at the DBM G-EPS Registry are qualified to participate.

Bidding documents can be secured at the Secretariat, SLH BAC, Office of the Administrative Officer V, 2nd floor Administration Building, SLH, Sta. Cruz, Manila, upon presentation of the following:

1. Authenticated DOH Suppliers Accreditation Certificate with the certified list of accredited products (Drugs & Medicines/Laboratory/Medical/dental supplies/devices).
2. Authenticated copy of License to Operate (DTI/Mayor's permit).
3. Authenticated copy of the DBM G-EPS Certificate of Registration.
4. Payment of non-refundable fee for Janitorial/Security Services – Php1,000.00, Laundry Service – Php500.00 Drugs and Medicines/Laboratory – Php1,000.00; Medical/Gases Supplies – Php500.00; Dental/Radiology/Dietary/Engr. & Maintenance – Php300.00 & Janitorial/Office – Php200.00.

Particulars	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
Category I: Services				
a. Janitorial Services	October 16-31, 2002	October 30, 2002 9:00 a.m	Nov. 15, 2002 9:00 a.m	Nov. 15, 2002 9:01 a.m.
b. Security Services	October 16-31, 2002	October 30, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 9:01 a.m.
c. Laundry Services	October 16-31, 2002	October 31, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 2:00 p.m.
Category II: Hospital Supplies & Materials				
1. Various Drugs / Medicines	Oct. 21-Nov. 15, 2002	Nov. 5, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 21, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 21, 2002 9:01 a.m.
2. Various Laboratory Reagents/Supplies	Oct. 21-Nov. 15, 2002	Nov. 5, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 22, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 22, 2002 9:01 a.m.
3. Various Medical Supplies	Oct. 21-Nov. 15, 2002	Nov. 6, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 25, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 25, 2002 9:01 a.m.
4. Various Dietary Foodstuff	Oct. 25-Nov. 20, 2002	Nov. 6, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 9:01 a.m.
5. Various Radiology Supplies	Oct. 25-Nov. 20, 2002	Nov. 7, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 2:01 p.m.
6. Various Dental Supplies	Oct. 25-Nov. 20, 2002	Nov. 7, 2002 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 3:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 3:01 p.m.
7. Various Maintenance Supplies	Nov. 1-22, 2002	Nov. 11, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 9:01 a.m.
8. Various Office and Janitorial Supplies	Nov. 1-22, 2002	Nov. 11, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 2:01 p.m.

All activities shall be held at the SLH Amphitheater Audio Visual Room/SACCL Conference Room, San Lazaro Hospital, Quiricada St., Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two and a half percent (2.5%) of Approved Budget Cost per item or as indicated in the issued Bid documents. Delivery of Supplies is on staggered basis and bid validity is for six (6) months.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, SLH-BAC at Telephone Nos. 309-95-52 or 711-69-66 (telefax).

SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL BAC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID, TO ANNUL THE BIDDING PROCESS, REJECTS ALL BIDS AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, WITHOUT THEREBY INCURRING ANY LIABILITY TO THE AFFECTED BIDDERS OR ANY OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE AFFECTED BIDDER OR BIDDERS ON THE REASONS FOR DOING SO. SLH-BAC ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE OR INDEMNIFY BIDS NOR DEEM IT GUARANTEED THAT AN AWARD WILL BE MADE.

(Sgd.) ELEONORITA E. REYES
Chairperson, SLH BAC

Noted by:
(Sgd.) ARTURO B. CABANBAN, MD, MHA,
Officer in Charge
San Lazaro Hospital

(PDI - Oct. 13 & 20, 2002)

PNOC PETROCHEMICAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY)

11/F BA Lepanto Building
8747 Paseo de Roxas
1227 Makati City, Philippines

Tel. Nos. 892-0293
892-0283
810-7161

Fax No.: 892-0346

INVITATION TO BID

The PNOC Petrochemical Development Corporation (PPDC) invites interested bidders to submit sealed bids for the sale of vehicles on **CASH, "AS IS, WHERE IS"** basis.

Description	Location	Min. Bid Price
1. Nissan Pathfinder Pick-up, Model 1993	Bataan	P 90,000.00
2. Mazda B2500 Series, Model 1998	Bataan	P140,000.00
3. Toyota Corolla GLi, Model 1994	Makati	P200,000.00
4. Toyota Hilux 2.8 D Pick-up, Model 2000	Makati	P580,000.00
5. Honda Accord, Model 1994	Makati	P310,000.00

Additional information and request for inspection may be secured at the above address from **October 15-29, 2002** c/o Mr. R.C. Ocampo in Makati with tel. no. 8106418; and in Bataan c/o Mr. R.C. Roque with tel. no. (047) 2447442. Interested parties may obtain bid forms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **PESOS TWO HUNDRED (P200.00)** per set from the **PPDC-Disposal Committee.**

Deadline for submission of sealed bids is on **November 15, 2002, 1:30 PM** at the PNOC-PDC, 11/F, Lepanto Bldg., 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. Public opening of bids shall immediately be conducted after the 1:30 PM deadline.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Deposit in the form of Cash or Manager's/Cashier's Check equivalent to at least 10% of each bid price, acquired from any PPDC accredited banks.

PPDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or informality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/are considered most advantageous to PPDC. PPDC further assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss they may incur in the preparation of their bid nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) VICTORIO MARIO A. DIMAGIBA
Chairman, Disposal Committee

(PDI - Oct. 13 & 21, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CENTRAL OFFICE
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Telefax No. 743-7236

October 11, 2002

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB NO. 2002-7-2(3)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids for the supply and delivery of 2,700 pcs. **SENTRONG SIGLA SEAL** for the use of the Bureau of Local Health Development with an approved budget of Three Million Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (PhP3,915,000.00) chargeable against their funds.

A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested bidders at the Procurement & Logistics Service, Bldg. #26, Department of Health upon payment of **non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00)** only and upon submission of authenticated Mayor's Permit and Business Name from **October 21 to November 15, 2002** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

A **pre-bidding conference** will be held at the Bureau of Health Devices and Technology (BHDT) Conference Room, Bldg. #24, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila at **1:00 p.m. on November 4, 2002.**

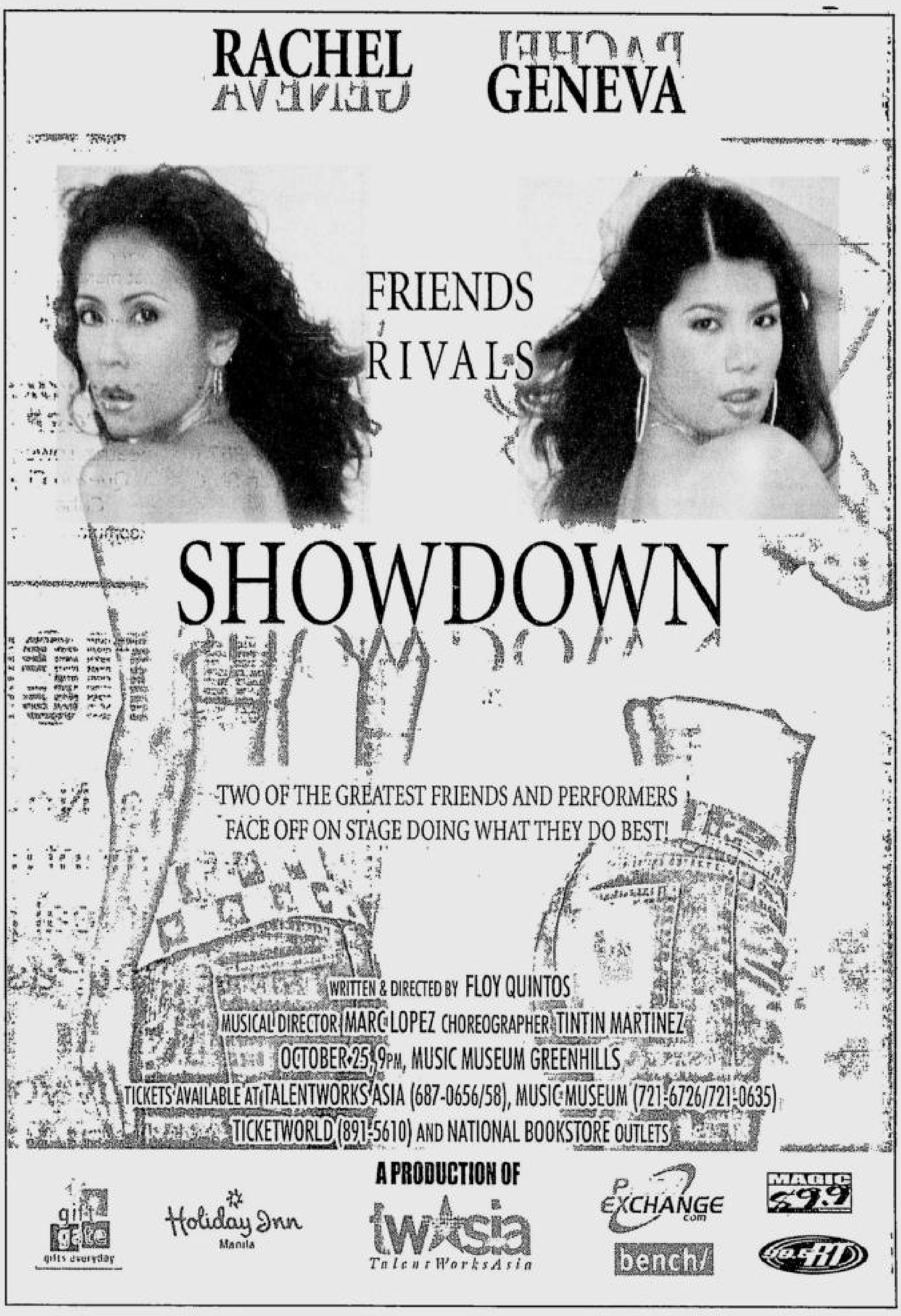
Bids must be submitted to the BHDT Conference Room at **2:00 p.m. on November 19, 2002.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount equivalent to 1.5% of the approved budget for the contract to be bid, as advertised by the DOH in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check and bank draft/guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank. It shall be valid for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the opening of bids.

The Department of Health reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds to the Department of Health.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - Oct. 13 & 20, 2002)



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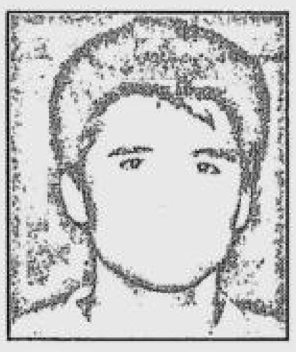
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby advised that the following warehouse workers, whose pictures appear below have gone on AWOL from their respective companies. A case of QUALIFIED THEFT had also been filed against them by Meridien High Rise Devt Corp.:

RAYMOND S. BISCARRA



RICKY C. CHAVEZ

Any transaction which may have been entered into by the above-named personnel purportedly in behalf of their respective companies shall no longer be honored.

MERIDIEN HIGH RISE DEVT. CORP./
NOVA STRUCTURA DEV'T. CORP.
West of Ayala Condo.
252 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue
Makati City

(PDI--Oct. 13, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for the
Supply of

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for the Sugar-ACEF Related Projects
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Only pre-qualified bidders as of October 30 shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on November 29, 2002 at the SRA Lobby at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-qualification forms shall be issued starting October 8, 2002 and the deadline for the submission of said requirements shall be on October 29, 2002.

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on October 30. Thereafter bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php 500.00 each.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on November 15 at the SRA Lobby at 9:00 a.m.

All bids must be accompanied by bid bonds in the amount of 2.5% of the total cost of the tender or offer - either in cash, Manager's check or surety bond issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission or any combination thereof.

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THE SECRETARIAT
SRA Bidding and Awards Committee
Tel. No. 929-68-37

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(Sgd.) JAMES C. LEDESMA
Administrator

(PDI--Oct. 6 & 13, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby informed that **ANTONIO R. NAVARRO, JR.** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **CITYSTATE SAVINGS BANK, INC.** since April 9, 2002. An appropriate case has been filed against him with the office of the City Prosecutor's of Manila with **IS No. 02D-16541** for **ESTAFA** under Article 315 Paragraph 2 (a) and Article 318 of the Revised Penal Code.

(PDI--Oct. 13, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE JOINT VENTURE CONTRACT DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1995 OF MARCBILT REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (**MANUEL M. TAN** W/ ADDRESS AT 3/F AURORA BLDG., REAL ST., ALMANZA, LAS PINAS CITY, MM) WITH RHODORA MOJICA, THE OWNER OF THE 50,000 SQM. ST. JULIANNE HOMES, MUNTING MAPINO, NAIC, CAVITE WAS FORMALLY CANCELLED BY SAID OWNER UNDER HER VERIFIED NOTICE TO RESCIND DATED JULY 14, 2001 BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF SAID **MARCBILT REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORP.** TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE ON-GOING DEVELOPMENT ON THE LOT BY LGTM CORPORATION IS BY VIRTUE OF A NEW JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT IT ENTERED WITH SAID OWNER, RHODORA MOJICA.

SALVADOR, BASCONCILLO & ASSOCIATES
8/F ANTEL GLOBAL CORPORATE CENTER,
JULIA VARGAS AVE., ORTIGAS CENTER,
PASIG CITY, M.M. (LEGAL COUNSEL FOR
LGTM CORP.)

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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas
OFFICE OF THE LIQUIDATOR

INVITATION TO BID

SEALED BIDS will be accepted by the undersigned LIQUIDATOR or his duly authorized representative for the immediate sale for Cash on "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis the following real property owned by PARAMOUNT FINANCE CORPORATION (under liquidation pursuant to Sec. 29 of R.A. 265, as amended) with office at Rm. 408, 4th Floor, Manila Bank Building, 6772 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Tel. Nos. 815-3986; 815-4028:

Item No.	Area/Description/TCT No.	Location	Minimum Bid
1	3,500 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-41001	Trinidad Homes Manggahan, Pasig City	P 8,750,000.00
2	2,366 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-372052	13th St., New Manila Quezon City	16,928,000.00
3	10,000 sq.m. agr. lot TCT No. T-32.630 (M)	Sitio Likao-Likao, Tungkong Mangga, San Jose del Monte Bulacan	4,000,000.00
4	850.50 sq.m. comml. lot TCT No. T-4803	J. de Veyra St. Cebu Port Center, Cebu City	12,757,500.00
5	12,900 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-16931	Interior Evangelista Street, Santolan, Pasig City	13,545,000.00
6	160 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-151159	Lot 2 Blk. 16 Aurora Heights Subd. San Pedro, Laguna	630,000.00
7	2,694 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-65450	La Huerta, San Antonio - Parañaque City	2,693,400.00
8	2,360 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-32152	La Huerta, San Antonio Parañaque City	2,596,000.00
9	277 sq.m. res. lot TCT No. T-55987	Lot 15 Blk. 2 6th St., Riverside Mills Subd. Rosario, Pasig City	1,662,000.00
10	141.20 sq.m. res. lot with improvement TCT No. T-296329	No. 34 Bansalangin St. Veterans Village, Quezon City	1,820,000.00

Prospective bidders may see the description of said real property at the above indicated address where Bid Forms, Conditions of the Bid and other particulars may likewise be obtained during regular working hours.

All bids must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM of October 17, 2002 at the 10th Floor, Multi-Storey Building, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, A. Mabini Street, Manila. Sealed bids will be publicly opened by the Committee on Bids during the bidding date in the presence of attending bidders or their duly authorized representatives.

(Sgd.) **ALBERTO V. REYES**
Liquidator

(PDI – Sept. 26, Oct. 5 & 13, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
A. Francisco Gold Condominium II Edsa Cor. Mapagmahal St.,
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY

The Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project (MBUSSP) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) intends to engage the services of domestic consulting firms to assist the Local Government Units (LGUs) for the Detailed Engineering Design and Construction Supervision of their proposed infrastructure components.

The types of infrastructure will include: (a) roads and bridges; (b) water supply system; (c) public markets; (d) bus and jeepney terminals; (e) sanitation, drainage and flood control; (f) solid waste management; (g) foreshore development; (h) slaughterhouses; (i) municipal hall buildings; (j) hospitals; (k) school buildings; and (l) sports complex.

Eligible and suitably experienced firms wishing to offer their services may submit their Letter of Intent and Prequalification Documents (5 copies) properly labeled as "PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CONSULTING SERVICES under the MINDANAO BASIC URBAN SERVICES SECTOR PROJECT" to the following address not later than **26 November 2002** at 12:00 noon.

THE CHAIRMAN
Bids and Awards Committee
Department of the Interior and Local Government
10th Floor, A. Francisco Gold Condominium II Building
EDSA corner Mapagmahal Street
Diliman, Quezon City

Eligible applicants may obtain the Prequalification (PQ) Statement Forms from the Office of Project Development Services (OPDS), 5th Floor, at the abovementioned address or call telephone numbers 9250388, 9204312, and 9299601 for more information.

(Sgd.) Atty. **AGRIPINO G. MORGA**
Undersecretary for Administration
and BAC Chairman

(PDI--13 & 22, 2002)

Department of Health
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE
Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City
Tel. Nos. 807-2628 to 32 Fax No. 842-2245

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND REBID

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) hereby invites sealed bids for the supply and delivery of at least 100 liters per month of Rabies Equine-Derived Hyperimunune Plasma for the production of Equine Rabies Immunoglobulin (ERIG) with specifications as follows:

- must have a neutralizing antibody titer of at least 180 i.u. by RFFIT (rapid fluorescent focus inhibition test) assay
- must be negative for EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) virus
- free of contaminants (aseptic collection and storage of plasma must comply with GLP according to RITM standards)
- facility subject to inspection
- preference for local production (for supply sustainability and vaccine self-sufficiency)

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers, manufacturers and/or exclusive distributors of Rabies Equine-Derived Hyperimmune Plasma are qualified to participate upon presentation of the following:

1. DTI Business Name or SEC Registration with Article of Incorporation
2. License to Operate
3. Business Permit
4. Mayor's Permit
5. BIR Value Added Tax Registration
6. Audited Financial Statements stamped "received" by the BIR for the past two calendar year

Submission of the said documents and issuance of bid documents for qualified bidders will be at the Supply Department on **October 15, 2002**, upon payment of non-refundable fee of P100.00 (One Hundred Pesos) for the proposal forms.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on **October 18, 2002** at 1:30 p.m. at the Training Center of RITM.

Only Pre-qualified Bidders shall be allowed to attend the Pre-bid Conference. Attendance to the Pre-bid conference is a must and failure to show up shall be deemed to have waived his right to participate.

Submission of sealed bid documents will be on **October 23, 2002** at 1:30 p.m. at the Training Center of RITM.

Sealed bids must be submitted on the schedule day of bid opening accompanied by bid security in the amount equivalent to two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total bid price. The bid security maybe in the form of cash, Cashier's or Manager's check, bank draft or guarantee against any reputable bank, letter of credit issued by a commercial bank, surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof. Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals. Letters of authority to represent and sign documents must be properly notarized.

RITM reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect or informality therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Institute.

(Sgd.) **SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Oct. 6 & 13, 2002)

INVITATION TO QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS: ATTEND A ONE-DAY U.S. IMMIGRATION SEMINAR

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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DETAILED DESIGN OF PROPOSED 5.50 KM. BY-PASS AQUEDUCT, BICTI-NOVALICHES AQUEDUCT NO. 6 (Phase 1, BNAQ-6)

The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) will undertake the construction of a new aqueduct, BNAQ-6 (Phase 1) with a length of about 5.50 km that will serve as by-pass aqueduct during the rehabilitation of the existing aqueduct no. 5 (AQ-5) with about 13 points leaks. However, there is a need to close the existing AQ-5 for about six (6) months to interconnect BNAQ-6 (Phase 1) to the existing AQ-5.

The consultancy services needed shall cover, but not limited to, the following:

a) Conduct a Pre-Feasibility Study and Detailed Design including cost estimate of the Angat Water Utilization and Aqueduct Imporvement Project (AWUIP) involving the 5.50 km aqueduct with 3.60 meter diameter;
b) Conduct pre-detailed activities such as survey, investigation, soil exploration, geotechnical study and right-of-way;
c) Establish financing structure and plan, and assist MWSS in securing funds for the implementation of the Project;
d) Preparation of additional study for possible expansion to accommodate water allocation from Angat; and
e) Assist in the evaluation of bids and awards.

MWSS therefore is inviting local consultancy firms to submit their request for pre-qualification together with their company profile and organizational structure which will provide information regarding their field of expertise and specialization and the experiences of key personnel who will be assigned to undertake the required consultancy services. On the basis of the submissions, MWSS will shortlist the consultancy firms.

Consultants who expressed their desire to offer their services can obtain the prequalification statement/forms and submit the same within thirty (30) days from the date of first advertisement to the address stated below:

Engineering and Project Management Department
Ground Floor, Engineering Building
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines
Fax No. (632) 922-2568

(Sgd.) **MACRA A. CRUZ**
Officer-in-Charge

(PDI - Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2002)

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COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

The Coordinating Council for Private Sector Participation (CCPSP) intends to engage the services of local and/or foreign consulting firms to prepare Pre-investment Studies and Tender Documents for healthcare waste management and other infrastructure projects (e.g., health-related, bridges, tollways, water supply, power, solid waste management, ICT, property development, etc) to be implemented through Private Sector Participation.

Interested firms are invited to submit an expression of interest and details of their capabilities and related experience by forwarding their names and address and properly identified as **"LETTER OF INTENT FOR REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY CHECK FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PRE-INVESTMENT STUDIES UNDER THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (PDF)"** to the following address not later than **30 October 2002** for **healthcare waste management projects.** Registration for consulting services for other infrastructure projects shall be entertained continuously.

CHAIRMAN
Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)
Coordinating Council for Private Sector Participation
6/F EDPC Bldg., Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
A. Mabini St., Manila

Consultants' Registration and Eligibility Forms and additional information may be obtained at the above address or through http:/ccpsp.org on 14 October 2002.

Sgd. NOEL ELI B. KINTANAR
Executive Director

PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER
Department of Agriculture

October 9, 2002

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Re-bid

The Philippine Carabao Center, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture, invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following:

15,000 doses of Prostaglandin

The date of the bidding and pre-bidding conference including approved agency estimates are detailed as follows

Date of bidding	November 15, 2002, 10:00 a.m.
Place of Bidding	PCC Liaison Office, 5th Floor, DCIEC Building, NIA Compound, EDSA, Quezon City

A. Requirements on bidding date:

Envelope 1	(Eligibility Envelope)
Envelope 2	(Technical Envelope)
Envelope 3	(Price Envelope)
Pre-bid conference	November 8, 2002; 10:00 a.m.
Last day of issuance of bidding documents	October 31, 2002
Agency Estimate	P 1,642,000.00

B. Eligibility Requirements:

B.1 Legal Documents
- Mayor's Permit/Municipal License (Current)
- DTI/SEC Registration (Current)
- BIR, TIN and VAT Registrations
- Statement that the firm is not blacklisted by any government office, agency or corporation

B.2 Technical Documents
- Track record of previous similar transaction/sales delivered and accepted
- Purchase Order related to the items to be procured. The previous sales or contract shall be at least 50% of the approved budget for the item to be bidded
- A valid Bureau of Foods and Drug registration of the product shall also be submitted.

B.3 Financial Documents
- Additional Financial Statement stamped "Received" by the BIR for the last two (2) calendar or fiscal years duly notarized. The working capital (current assets less current liabilities) of the two (2) audited Financial Statements shall be at least equal to the total amount of the approved agency estimate.

Sealed bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security equivalent to 2.5% of the total bid price in the form of cash or manager's/cashier's check from a bank or financial institution.

For further information, please call Engr. Eduardo Dalusong, Procurement Officer at Telephone Numbers (044) 4560-731 to 34.

All particulars relative to the Eligibility, Bid Bond, Pre-bid Conference, Evaluation and Award shall be governed by Executive Order No. 40, Series of 2001 and its implementing rules and regulations.

The Philippine Carabao Center reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or waive any defect or required formality therein and to award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is advantagoous to the government.

(Sgd.) LIBERTADO C. CRUZ
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

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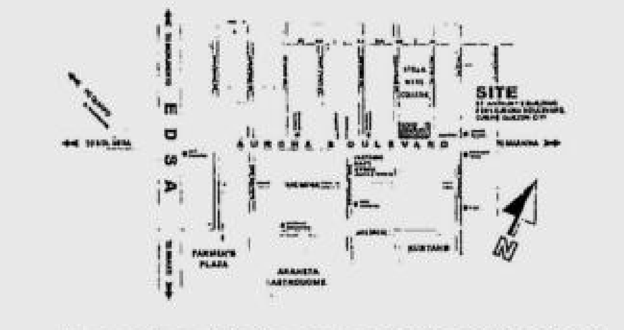

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MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

JOSEFA TALAMBIRAS MEDRANO

of Ibaan, Batangas,
who joined her Creator
on September 16, 2002
at the age of 89

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who condoled with us in our moment of grief.

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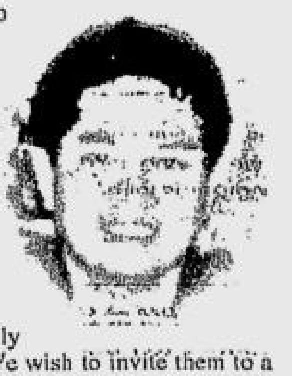

A year has passed since you left us so abruptly, so suddenly, as if God has snatched you before our eyes. It was a moment of grief, of sadness beyond words. Comfort only comes in knowing that you are in heaven with the Lord Jesus. We missed you so much. Your encouraging words, your laughter, your dimples as you smile and most of all your love for the Lord continue to warm our lonely hearts.

We say thanks to our friends and family who condoled with us a year ago. We wish to invite them to a moment of prayer and fellowship at Chapel Lawns, Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque, this 13th day of October 2002, at 3:00 PM.

Len, Jeff, Stephanie

Dr. Jose R. Soldevilla, Sr.

January 19, 1929 - October 6, 2002

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His bereaved wife **Aida de Juan Soldevilla**; sons **Jose, Jr.** and **Dr. Michael**; daughter **Anne Joy S. Gregorio**; son-in-law **Arnaldo Gregorio**; granddaughters **Bianca Ana** and **Agatha Maria S. Gregorio**; relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on October 20, 2002 at New Lucena Cemetery, Iloilo.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

SOFIA VILLANUEVA DIMANLIG

of Pasig City

Who joined the Lord on August 30, 2002

Wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered Masses, prayers and flowers, visited and kept vigil, joined us in burial rites and in one way or the other condoled with us, showed love and concern in our times of bereavement.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Twenty-third Death Anniversary
October 13, 2002

Justice CALIXTO O. ZALDIVAR

Masses will be offered at 10:00 AM today at the Cathedral of the Holy Child, Taft Avenue, Manila and all churches of the Philippine Independent Church in Antique. His children request their relatives, friends and pious readers to remember **Justice Zaldivar** in their prayers.

FILEMON RETUYA REYES, SR.

(wife of the late JUANITA SONGCUAN REYES)

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on October 12, 2002 at the age of 85.

His loving children **DRA. ZENAIDA & DR. ELENEL PAEZ, ENGR. FILEMON, JR. & GRACIA REYES** and **ARACELI & CLARO AMATORIO**; grandchildren **ELMON & EVA, ELENEL, JR. & DEL, FREDERICK & DIDITH, ROMMEL** and **NOEL CARL**; great grandchildren **PAOLO, ANGELO** and **JUAN MIGUEL**; in-laws, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at BAGUIO MEMORIAL CHAPELS, Naguilian Rd., Baguio City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at HEAVEN'S GARDEN MEMORIAL PARK, Baguio City, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Church.

ATTY. PEDRO S. CASTILLO

of Davao City
Passed away in the Grace of Our Lord
on October 11, 2002 at the age of 72.

His loving children, **BEBOT & WILLIE, MARILOU, RAFFY & ANNIE, MARILYN, BOBBY & NICO, RICKY**; grancdhildren, **TONIPET, JR, MARICEL, CARLO, MARIKAR, VINCENT, MIGGY, ROBBIE**, his loving companion **ROSE**; brothers, sisters; **VICENTA NOGRALES, RAMONA LOZANO, ELIZABETH CABREROS, DR. JOSE CASTILLO, MARITA & HECTOR MANIQUIS, FORTUNATA CASTILLO** and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Milan Chapel of Cosmopolitan Memorial Chapels, Camus Extension, Davao City.

Interment will be Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at Davao Memorial Park after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the San Pedro Cathedral.

CESAREA R. TUPARAN

was called home to the Lord on 11 October 2002 at the age of 83.

She is survived by her children **Fenina & Rey, Alvin & Joy, Gil, Noe & Jean**; grandchildren **Carmela & Paolo; Tala, Hiyas, Amanda, Patricia & Rebekah; Sarah & Joshua**. They and her sisters **Ruperta & Nita Reyes**, sister-in-law **Natividad Reyes**, and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church (Claret) in Teachers' Village, Quezon City.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, 16 October 2002, after which the body will be taken for cremation.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

ANTONIO DE LA VEGA

who joined his Maker on September 24, 2002

wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all those who condoled with us during our hour of grief—those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, visited, sent messages of sympathy and attended the funeral rites.

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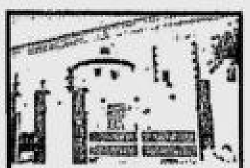

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For the Record. The skull, spine and rib cage account for 80 percent of your body's 206 bones, and form the 'axial' skeleton. The rest are known as the 'appendicular' skeleton and include the shoulder, arms, hands, hips, legs, and feet. The skull has 28 bones, with 8 fused to cover the brain. The shoulder group includes the shovel-shaped scapula (Greek for 'dig') and the key-shaped clavicle (Latin for 'little keys'). The 24 ribs anchored in pairs to the spine protect the heart and lungs along with the thick breastbone. The lower half begins with the pelvis and ends with 26 bones in the ankles and feet.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MA. RITA REY ROCES** consisting of Real Property was extrajudicially settled and dist. among her heirs as per Doc. 276; Page 56; Book IX-A; Series of 2002 before Notary Public Amado E. Villafuerte of Quezon City.
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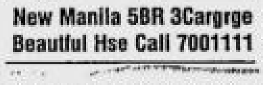

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ELEGANT and beautiful Isabel Preysler in Hola! magazine

MOST elegant woman—Isabel Preysler. Hola!, the Spanish society magazine where everyone looks good and nothing negative is said about high society, covered Spain's wedding of the year—**Ana Aznar** (daughter of the prime minister) and **Alejandro Agag** (a politician).

The magazine had a poll on the most elegant lady in the wedding. Out of 3,000 votes, Isabel Preysler got 25 percent, beating model **Ines Sastre** and **Miranda Rijnsburger**, the partner of Preysler's ex-husband **Julio Iglesias.**

In the wedding, Isabel wore a gown by Dafnis (described as a sleeveless pearl-gray number), jewelry by the famous Spanish jeweler Suarez, Stuart Weitzman bag and Jimmy Choo shoes.

Isabel, of course, needs no introduction. But for the under-25 audience out there, she is a Filipina born in Manila and educated at the Assumption College. Her mother is **Betty Preysler**, her sister living here is **Victoria Preysler Tuason.** A niece of hers is pretty **Joanna Preysler**.

She has three kids with Iglesias: **Chabeli, Julio Jr.** and Latin superstar **Enrique Iglesias**. She married thrice and has children from all marriages, one child from the Marques de Grignon, **Carlos Falco**, and with her present husband, **Miguel Boyer.**

In Europe, Isabel is considered one of the most beautiful, most elegant and best dressed women. Although not an actress, she is quite popular in Spain. She works for the Spanish ceramic tile company Porcelanosa.

Must-have beauty product—Shu Uemura. I had coffee with one of the sweetest, vibrant, hardworking and nicest people I know—**Tina Tinio**—and she was telling me of the exciting things that are happening in her life. Besides the love factor, she is excited about the launch of one of the most in-demand and respected brands in the makeup industry, Shu Uemura, of which she is the brand manager.

On Oct. 18, they are launching the flagship store in Rustan's Makati (attire: avant-garde minimalist). They will be flying in the Top 3 makeup artists of Shu Uemura's atelier team from Japan just for the event.

What to expect? Nothing but a world-class event! For those who are not aware of the name Shu Uemura (where have you been?), it is a Japanese cosmetic brand that was founded by renowned makeup artist Shu Uemura in the mid-1960s. Through the years, it has been synonymous with quality and innovation.

Simply the best—Lani Misalucha! This past week must have been among the most stressful seven days I ever had. Besides going to the spa and gym, I have found music as one medium that has soothing and calming properties. In my office, whenever I am upset, I listen to Josh Groban or chill-out music to calm my nerves.

Last Wednesday, I caught **Lani Misalucha** at the Tavern on the Square with good friends **Mons Tantoco, Girlie Rodis**, and **Tessa** and **Dennis Valdes** with their son **Bryan.**

I must say she is, hands down, the best singer in the Philippines. Whenever I am privileged to catch her either at the Araneta Coliseum or Onstage, I always wind up with such a high. There is no other Filipino singer today that has her presence, confidence and singing prowess.

Must-go-to CD store. Speaking of music, Music One in Greenbelt 3 just opened, and it must be the best-looking CD place with the best selections of music in the metropolis. I also met the young and dynamic entrepreneur **Anton Ramos** and asked him his picks:

1. Bliss—"Afterlife"
2. Lol Hammond—"All This Is Bliss"
3. Madredeus—"Electronico"
4. Frou Frou—"Details"
5. Boozoo Bajou—"Satta"
6. Dirty Vegas—"Dirty Vegas"
7. Telepopmusik—"Genetic World"
8. Bonobo—"One Offs: Remixes and B Sides"
9. John Beltran—"Americano"
10. B-Tribe—"Spiritual, Spiritual!"

Thinking out loud—soft openings and dry-runs. I recently ate in a restaurant that had a sign that said, "Please excuse our service, we are still on our soft opening." I really did not mind the sign until after my meal. The food was not good and the service was awful. Trying to catch the waiters' attention was like being a man in a lesbian bar. Try as hard as you wanted, they were just not interested!

This got me thinking about restaurants on their dry-run (I wonder where that phrase came from. The stage?). They should give customers some perks like 20-percent off, free dessert or even iced tea, etc. I mean, think about it, you are paying hard-earned money while the waiters and chef treat you like a

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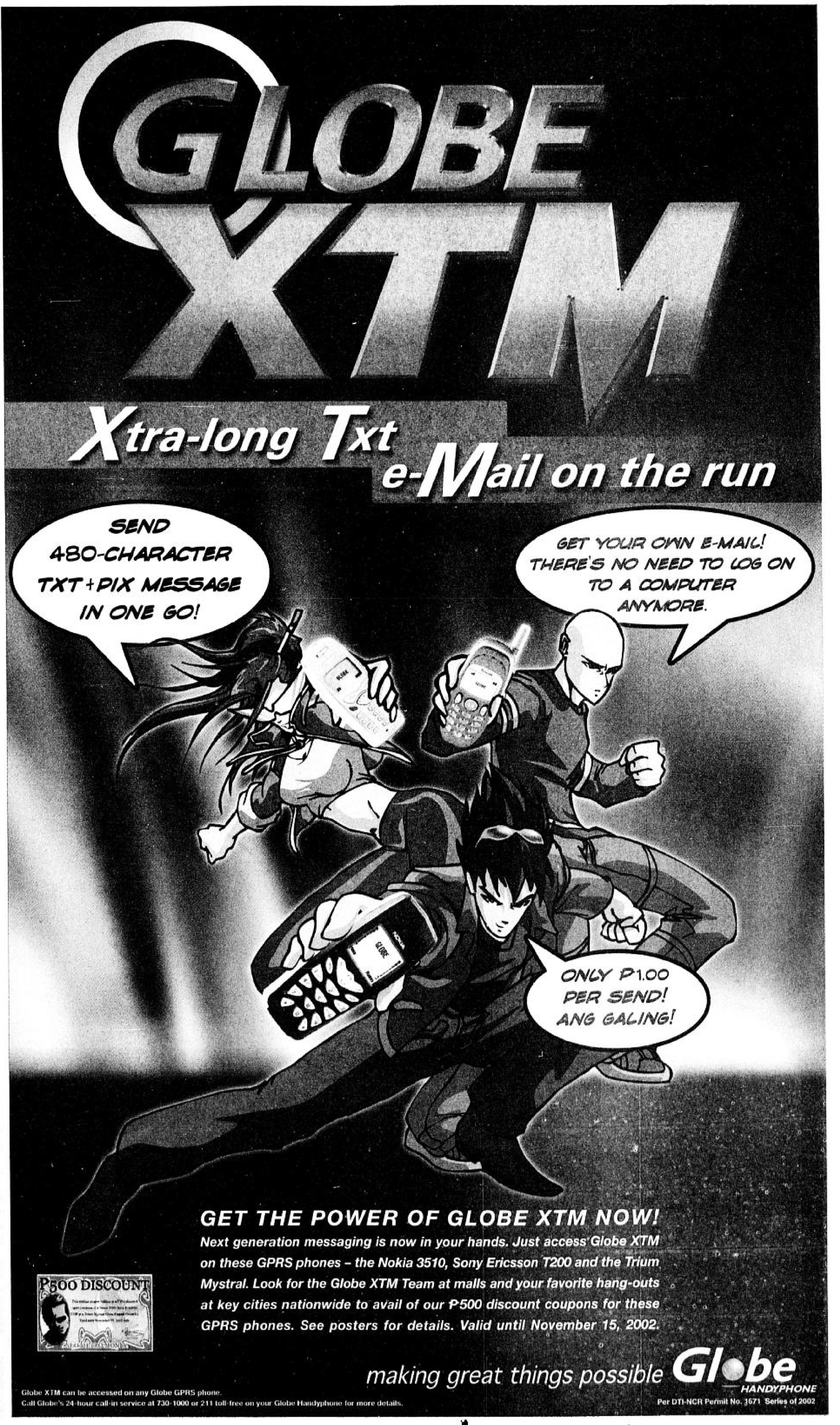
ISABEL'S Jimmy Choo shoes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EU Ambassador and Arts Council Foundation host cocktails for Cine Europa opening

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THE AMBASSADOR of the European Union in the Philippines and the Arts Council Foundation hosted cocktails at Café Laguna in Ayala Center to mark the opening of Cine Europa. It was the fifth time for Manila this year, and the second time for Cebu, when a series of award-winning films were shown to appreciative audiences.

Present on behalf of the European Union were Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Paul Dimond; Luc Vandebon, who is the deputy head of Mission of the European Delegation, with staff Barbara Alunan Escaler and Robert Leon; the cultural attaché of the Finnish Embassy, Marja Korhonen; the Netherlands Embassy Second Secretary Martin Ter Kuile; British Council director Gill Westaway; and Martin Macalintal, who is the PRO for cultural affairs at the French Embassy.

Doing the honors for the Arts Council was its president Ma. Cristina Marquez Garcia, with the full support of the committee in charge of the event—Cherry Muntuerto, Maria Theresa Klepp, Victoria Hermosisima and Angeling Labucay Escaño, representing her son Dr. Clint Escaño, whose medical duties kept him away from this glittering occasion.

Vice Mayor Michael Rama, chair of the Cebu City Cultural and Historical Affairs Commission, and the local Consular Corps graced the event. The first film to be shown was "Crush" from the United Kingdom, which was greatly applauded by the SRO crowd.

BRITISH Ambassador Paul Dimond and Cebu City Vice Mayor Michael Rama

FRENCH Consul Richard Forteau and Luc Vandebon, deputy head of Mission, European Union Delegation

NETHERLANDS' Maurits Ter Kuile, Arts Council of Cebu president Ma. Cristina Garcia and Globe's Ramon Escaño Jr.

FINLAND'S Marja Korhonen, British Council director Gill Westaway and Wila president Marlinda Angbetic Tan

SRO it would be for the next two days at the Cinema 1 of Ayala Center. Shown were "Mostly Martha" from Germany, "Love and Tiny Toes" from Portugal, "My Life in Pink" from Belgium, "Kites over Helsinki" from Finland, and "The Discovery of Heaven" from the Netherlands.

A repeat of the Dutch film opened the second full day of the festival, followed by "Such is Life" from Sweden, "The Red Squirrel" from Spain, a repeat of the Belgian film, and France's "And Now...Ladies and Gentlemen."

Prior to the screening of the French film was a well-attended cocktail party at Sol y Luna, also within the Ayala mall, at which the Honorary French Consul in Cebu Richard Forteau introduced the new Ambassador of France, Renee Veyret, on her first visit to Cebu. Excellent French wines were served to complement the equally excellent buffet spread. There to collect congratulations were Sol y Luna's pretty owners—Iris Fernan Arcenas, June Alegrado Ugarte and Grace Colmenares Lerma.

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Women in Literary Arts (Wila) was formed in Cebu 10 years ago by the prettiest and most brilliant poets this side of Olympus. They marked their 20th anniversary with an omnibus poetry reading held at the Sarrossa Hotel, organized by current president Marlinda Angbetic Tan. Opening remarks were made by Annabelle Tan Amor.

The readers were Tisha Lloren, Pet Misa, Liza Jarque, Aissa de la Cruz, Erlinda Alburo, Jocelyn Pinzon, Erma Cuizon, Pura Kintanar, Michelle Varron, Bambi Beltran, Mayen Tan, Cora Almerino, Ester Tapia, Marvi Gil, Nona Suerte, Gilmin Kakilana, and Milagros Dumdum, who did a dramatic reading with Annabelle Amor.

Two of the ladies' husbands, also very inclined to literature, did readings and more. Bobby Amor gave a testimonial, while Judge Simeon Dumdum led a toast to Wila. Will they also start a Mila? "Mila, who?" someone asked. "Mila no one," was the answer. Men in Literary Arts! Oh! Ah, well.

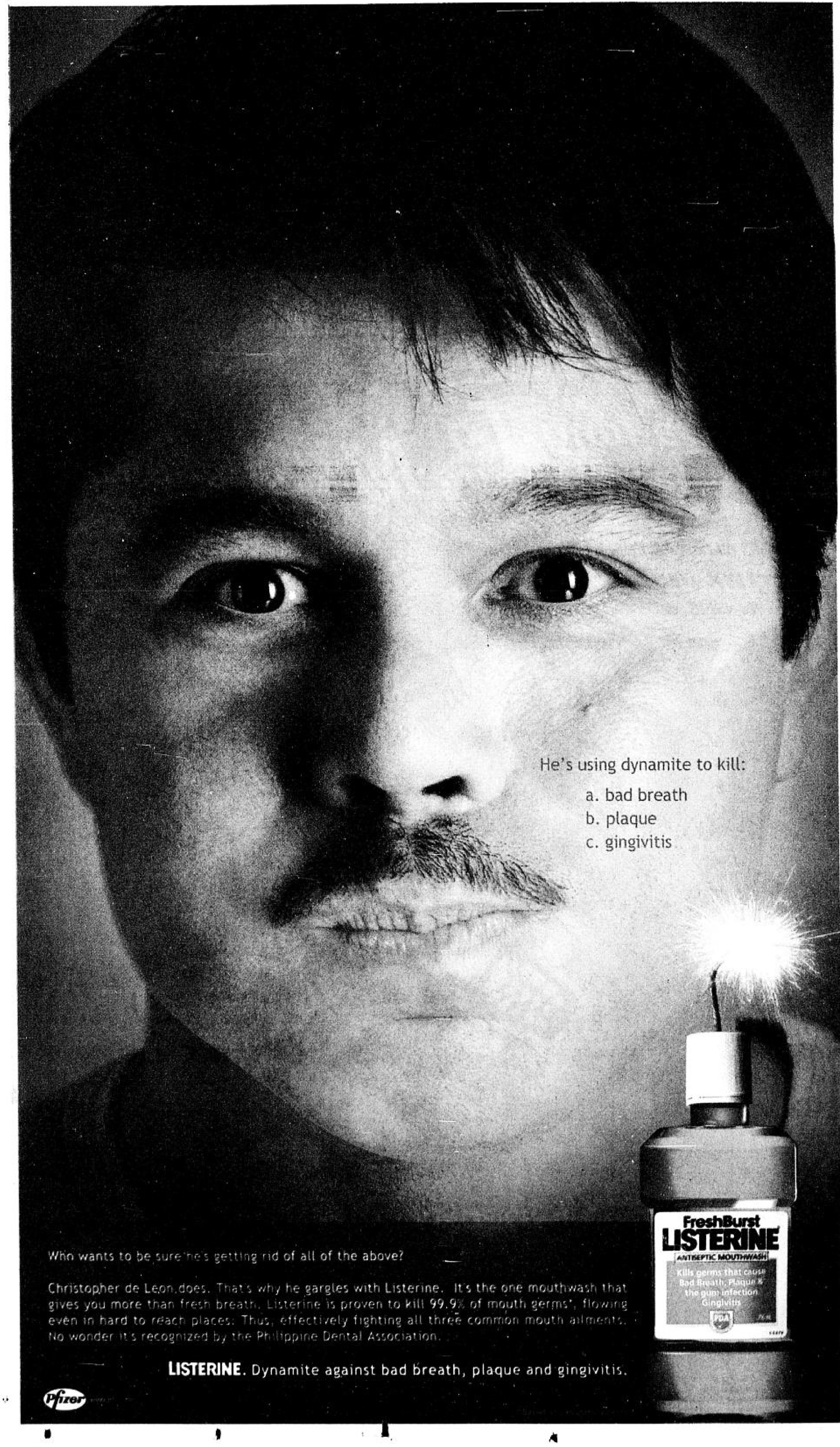
Erlinda Alburo, director of the Cebuano Studies Center at the University of San Carlos, announced the launch of a Children's Literature award. Erma Cuizon was called to induct new members into the fold, namely, Jeneen Garcia, Cherry Lee de Guzman, Arlaine Jayo Obenieta and Haidee Palapar.

Zelia Borromeo, who's identified with the scenic Montebello Villa Garden Hotel, was at an office waiting for an appointment. She stood in front of an abstract painting, which fascinated her. When she got back to Montebello, she contacted painter Celso Pepito and the other artists to discuss a painting competition sponsored by Montebello.

Cebu in Modern Art would be the theme. Announcements were made, and more than 50 Cebu-based artists responded by soliciting forms of entry, and on the day of the deadline, there was quite a pile of artistic expression. Judge Marita Alvarez Arambullo, Petite Garcia, Nelia Neri and Gerardo Guilatco (Montebello's resident manager) had a difficult time choosing the first three winners. Most of the works submitted were so good.

First prize went to Gabriel Abellana for his "Huni sa Gitara," which, translated to English, means "Guitar Song." The second prize went to Jess Najarro for his version of mother and child and "Mga Mangga sa Guadalupe," which reminds us all of the excellent mangoes harvested all year around in this area of Cebu. Clint Normadia placed third with "Fishers of Men," depicting the fisher folk in northern Cebu.

The winning entries, with their respective ribbons, and the rest of the paintings are on exhibit at the Montebello lobby until Oct. 20. The winners received cash prizes and trophies, courtesy of the Montebello management.



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THE INTERNATIONAL Bazaar Foundation (IBF), a nonprofit charitable organization under the Department of Foreign Affairs, will hold its annual International Bazaar Day on Oct. 27 at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard.

Susana V. Ople, this year's IBF chair, said foreign diplomatic and consular missions in the Philippines will participate in the affair, displaying the chief products of their respective countries in their booths, for sale.

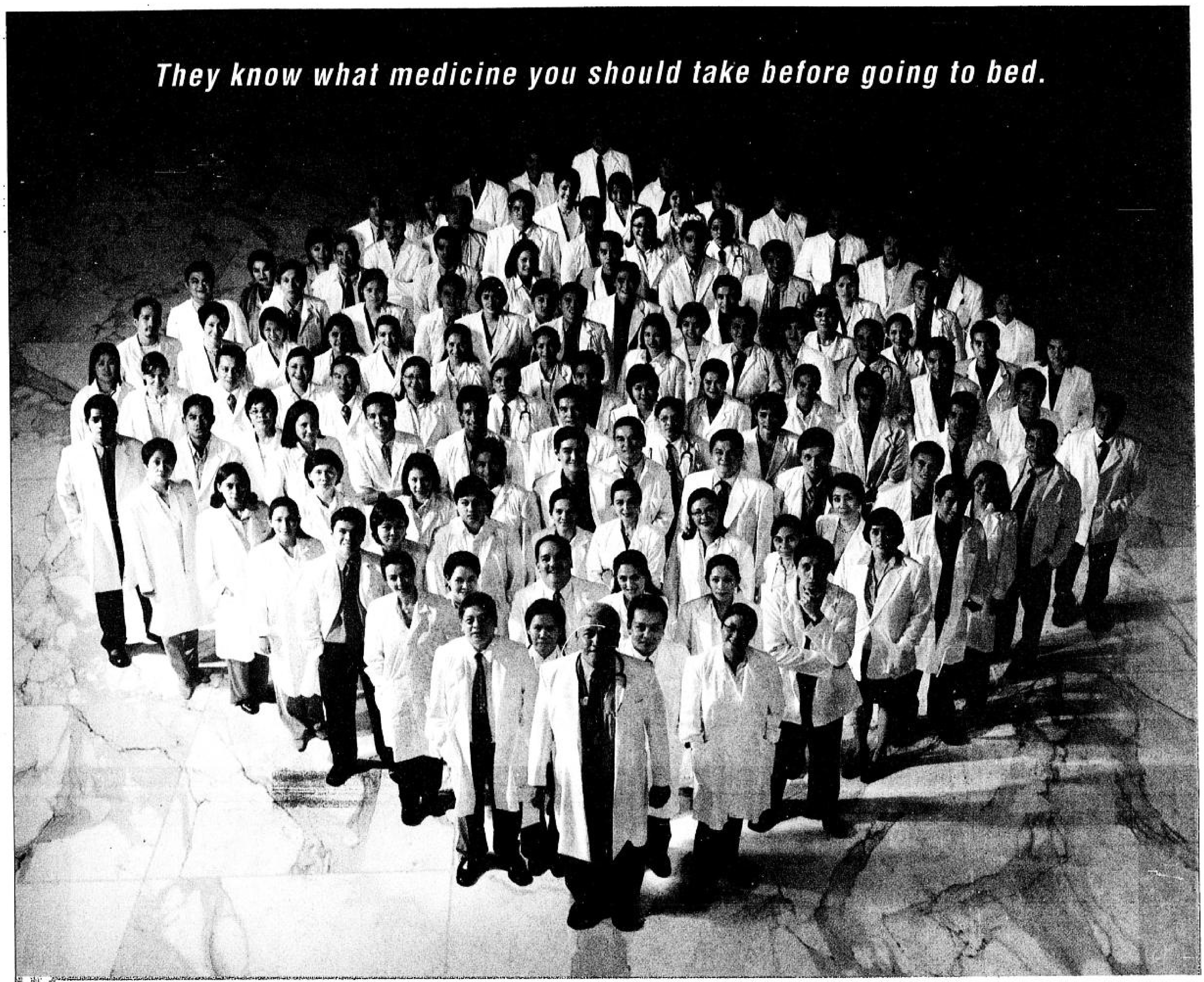
This year's theme is "Shopping around the World in a Day."

The international bazaar promises to be a major attraction for early Christmas shoppers as it was in previous years. Commonly on sale are duty-free goods, leather products, carpets, crystals, ceramics, silvers, handicrafts, food, clothing, cosmetics, Christmas décor and gift items.

The main purpose of the bazaar is to raise funds for the benefit of the underprivileged in society, provide scholarships to poor but deserving students, provide medical equipment to hospitals and clinics, and fund livelihood and training programs for workers and their families. Ople said a total of 135 scholars have already made it to the IBF's achievement list.

From the proceeds of the project, the IBF reserves P200,000 for victims of natural calamities.

One feature of the affair, which will be held 9 a. m.-5 p.m., is a raffle that will give away major prizes to the winners.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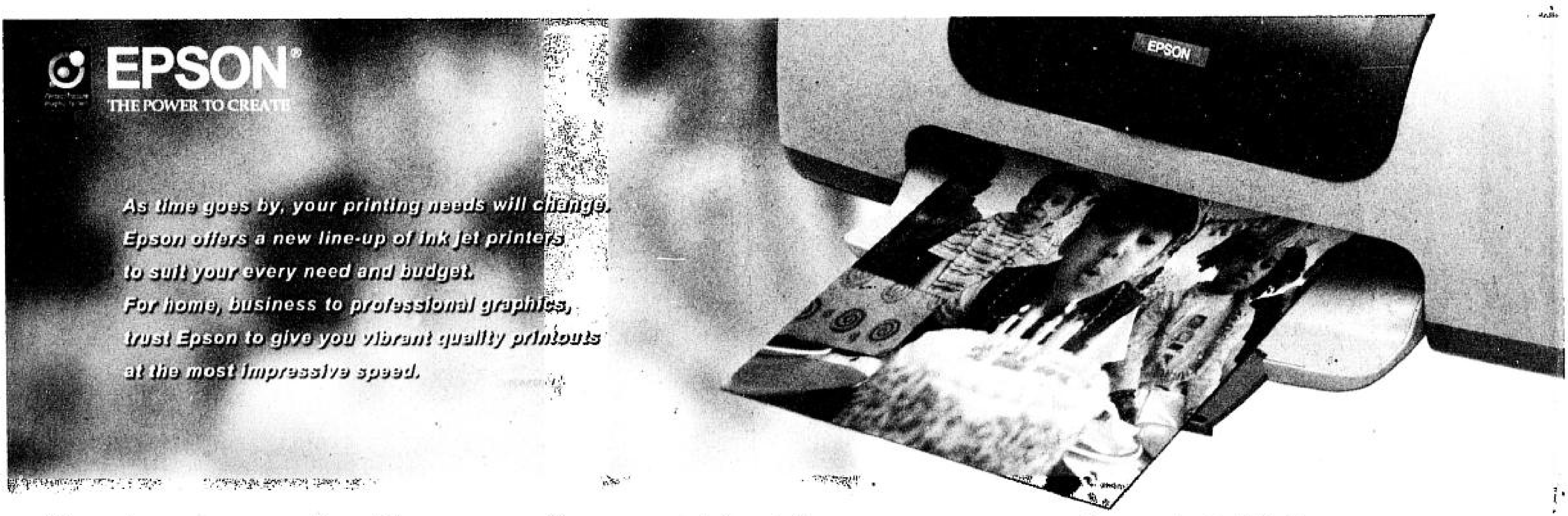
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Isabel Preysler upstages supermodel, even ex-hubby Julio Iglesias' girl

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While we are on the subject of food, I just want to say that nouvelle cuisine (an '80s trend) is definitely soooo five minutes ago!

Restaurants that serve minimalist but pretty and tasty food have to rethink their tack. This was my experience in one restaurant that had really small servings and did not even serve bread.

That's probably why Sentro and Oody's at Greenbelt 3 are raking it in. They offer excellent value for money and the food is just great. I have eaten at Sentro twice and its Sinigang na Corned Beef (not the one in the can) is to die for!

The only downside is trying to get a table. Also the interiors could use some improvement. But the food is so good that you probably won't think of these minuses, anyway.

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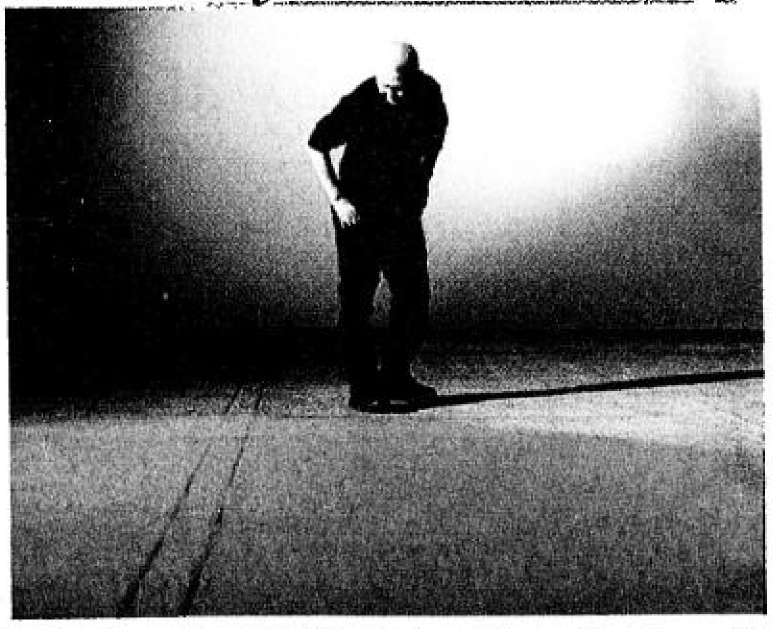

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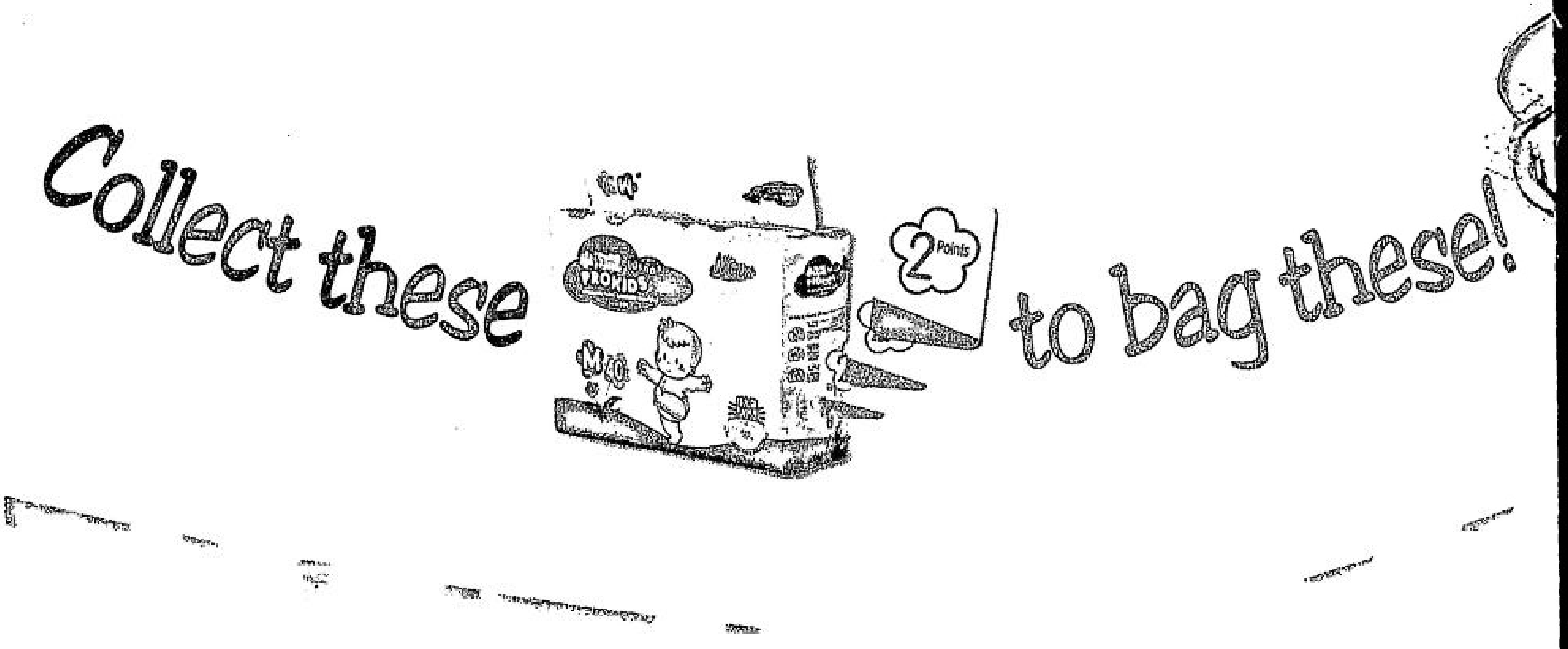
THE BEST singer in the Philippines—Lani Misalucha



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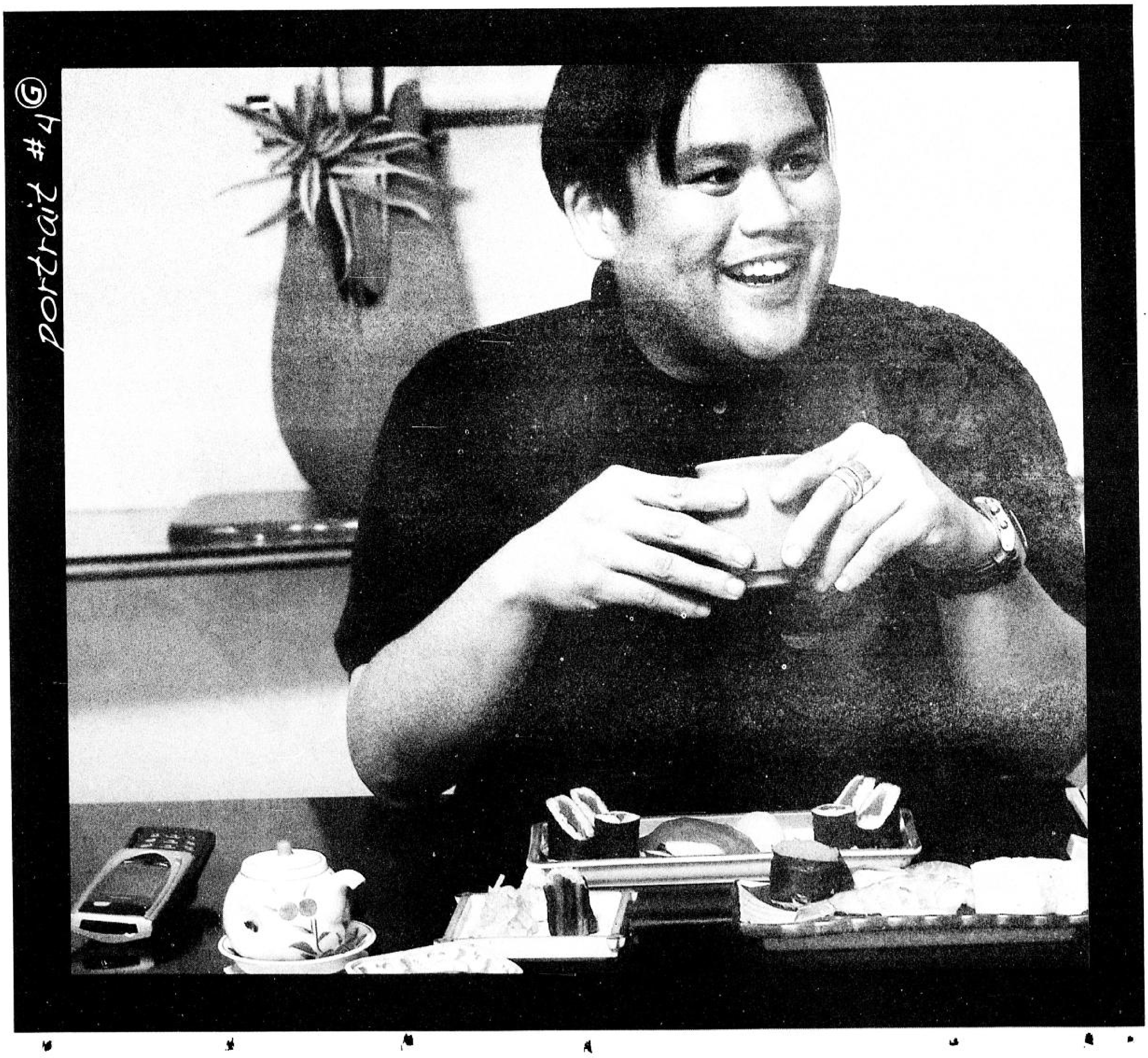

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PIID marks 38th year with Balinese party

THE PHILIPPINE Institute of Interior Designers (PIID) will be celebrating its 38th anniversary on Oct. 16 with a Balinese theme party motto "Bhinekka Tunggal Ika," which means "Unity in Diversity."

The venue will be the entertainment area of the new Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center. It will be decorated with Balinese accessories and special lighting effects.

Registration and Mass will start at 4 p.m. The attire is strictly Balinese. A Best in Costume prize will be awarded. As major sponsors of the event, Urban Effects and Tai-Ping Rugs & Carpets will be showcasing their products, Davies Paints, HM Trading, Durus, Anderson Art Glass, MC Home Depot and several minor sponsors, are also joining this celebration. The keynote speaker will be Ivy Almario.

An added highlight of the celebration is the exhibit "My Place of Solitude," featuring five interior design showcases at the Home Zone Area of Glorietta 4. This exhibit is sponsored by Diseño Lindo: More Than Interiors, and will run until Oct. 20.

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Seminar-workshop for professional librarians

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Resource speaker is Prof. Corazon M. Nera, director of Libraries, Lyceum of the Philippines and professional lecturer of Library Science at UE, CEU, MLQU and FEU.

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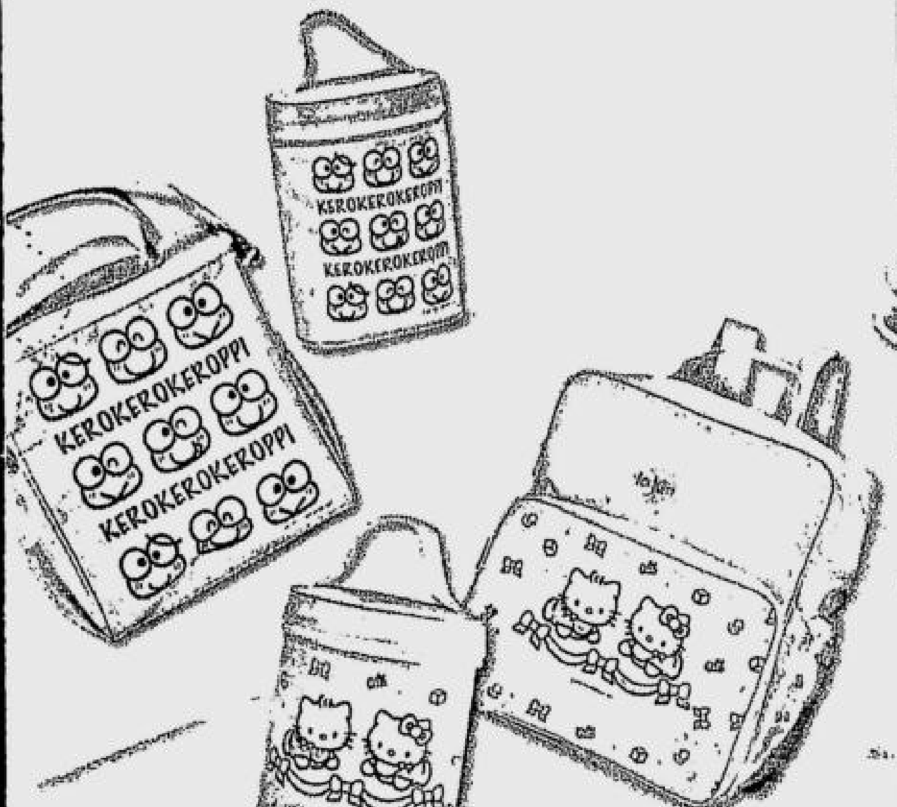

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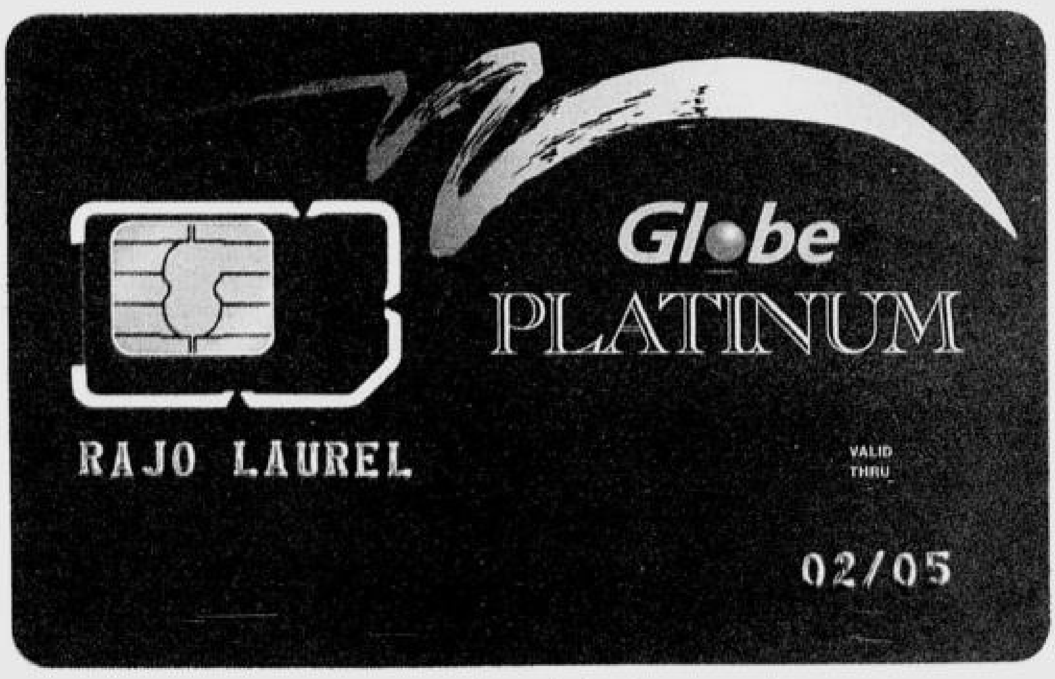

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SEN. Loren Legarda-Leviste, guest of honor, addresses guests at the opening of the PGH Breast Care Center. The center was set up with the help of Avon's Kiss Goodbye to Breast Cancer campaign. PHOTOS: ROGER MARGALLO

PGH opens breast care center

KARA Magsanoc-Alikpala, breast cancer survivor, talks about the benefits the new center will bring to women, particularly in the early detection of the disease.

SENATE Majority Leader Loren Legarda-Leviste led the inauguration and blessing of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) Breast Care Center on the second floor of the PGH Cancer Institute.

Present during the inauguration were Ben Gallina, senior vice president for Asia Pacific; Jose Mari Franco, area vice president for Southern Asia; Malu Dy Buncio, general manager for Avon Cosmetics Inc.; Ariel Ong, general manager for Avon Products Manufacturing Inc.; Dr. Alfredo Ramirez, UP Manila chancellor; Dr. Reynaldo Ang, representative of PGH director Dr. Juan Ma. Pablo Nañagas; Dr. Roberto Paterno and Dr. Francisco Dizon, chair and president of the Philippine Cancer Society Inc.

The center, set up with money raised by Avon through its Kiss Goodbye to Breast Cancer campaign last March, will be open every day during office hours. With the "Kiss Goodbye to Breast Cancer" campaign, Avon donated P5 to the PGH Cancer Institute for every sale of a special-edition lipstick.

The center uses a multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer. Led by surgeons, it also includes specialists from other PGH departments like pathology, medical oncology, orthopedics, rehabilitation medicine, anesthesiology and psychiatry.

Every day in the Philippines, 25 new breast cancer cases are diagnosed, while eight die of the disease—among the highest figures in Asia. The new center will hopefully help reduce these numbers.

Volunteers raise funds for the preservation of Intramuros

A GROUP of men and women, heeding the request of Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, has volunteered to raise funds for the putting up of 1,000 lampposts around Intramuros, promising to take 25 percent of the area out of the dark before the end of 2002.

"The lighting of Intramuros is the first phase of the DOT's plan to revive Intramuros by making it a real cultural village," says Susan Calo-Medina of the Volunteers for Intramuros Preservation (VIP), a non-government organization that supports Gordon's vision of developing Intramuros into a cultural and commercial center. By 2003, the VIP, which is composed of around 25 private individuals, is targeting the completion of the first phase of a two-year project that coincides with the DOT's plan to make Intramuros the center for tourism promotion in the National Capital Region.

The "Rediscover Intramuros" project seeks to enhance the beauty of the Walled City without taking away anything from its inherent features. In fact, the project aims to bring back the old Intramuros, complete with *kutseros*, street sweepers and vendors in costumes going about their daily chores. Coordinating with the Intramuros Administration and the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corp., the VIP promises to maintain lush and colorful parks, streets decorated with banners and flags, clean and well-lit *baluartes*, *puertas* and *revellins*.

A cultural market will showcase local regional products created by Filipino designers and craftsmen. This market will sell antiques, arts, ethnic crafts and flowers. Different tours will be available to visitors such as the Tapas Bar, museum and historical structures, and the Wall.

The Café at the Wall, food carts with umbrella-covered tables and chairs, will provide local and authentic Filipino delicacies. Musicians, artists and singers will also be featured.

In November, the day-and-night and flower-and-garden markets will open, and a portion of the Café at the Wall will be operational. The walking tours will also start. In December, Intramuros will celebrate with the grand procession of the images of the Blessed Virgin.

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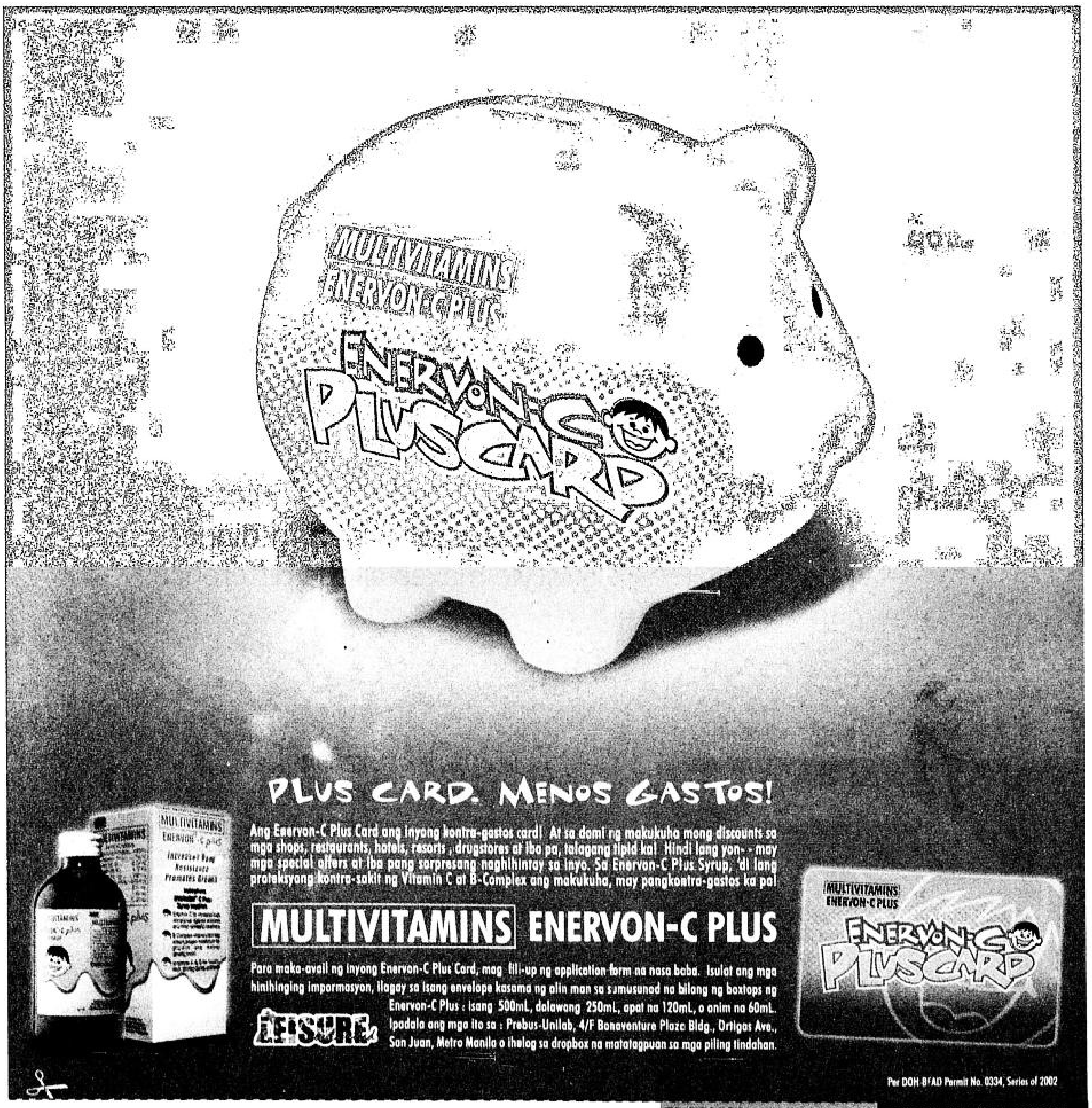

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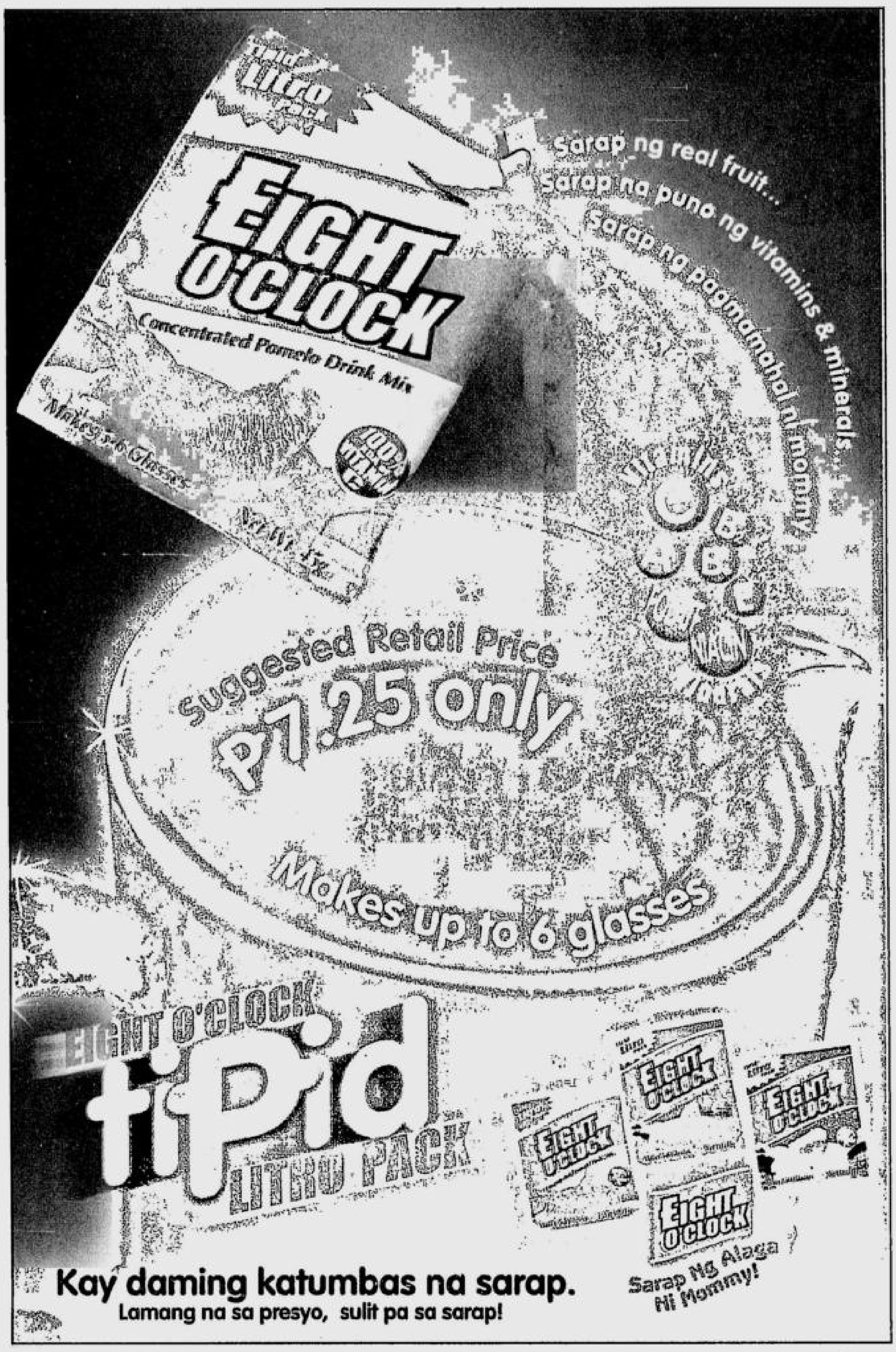

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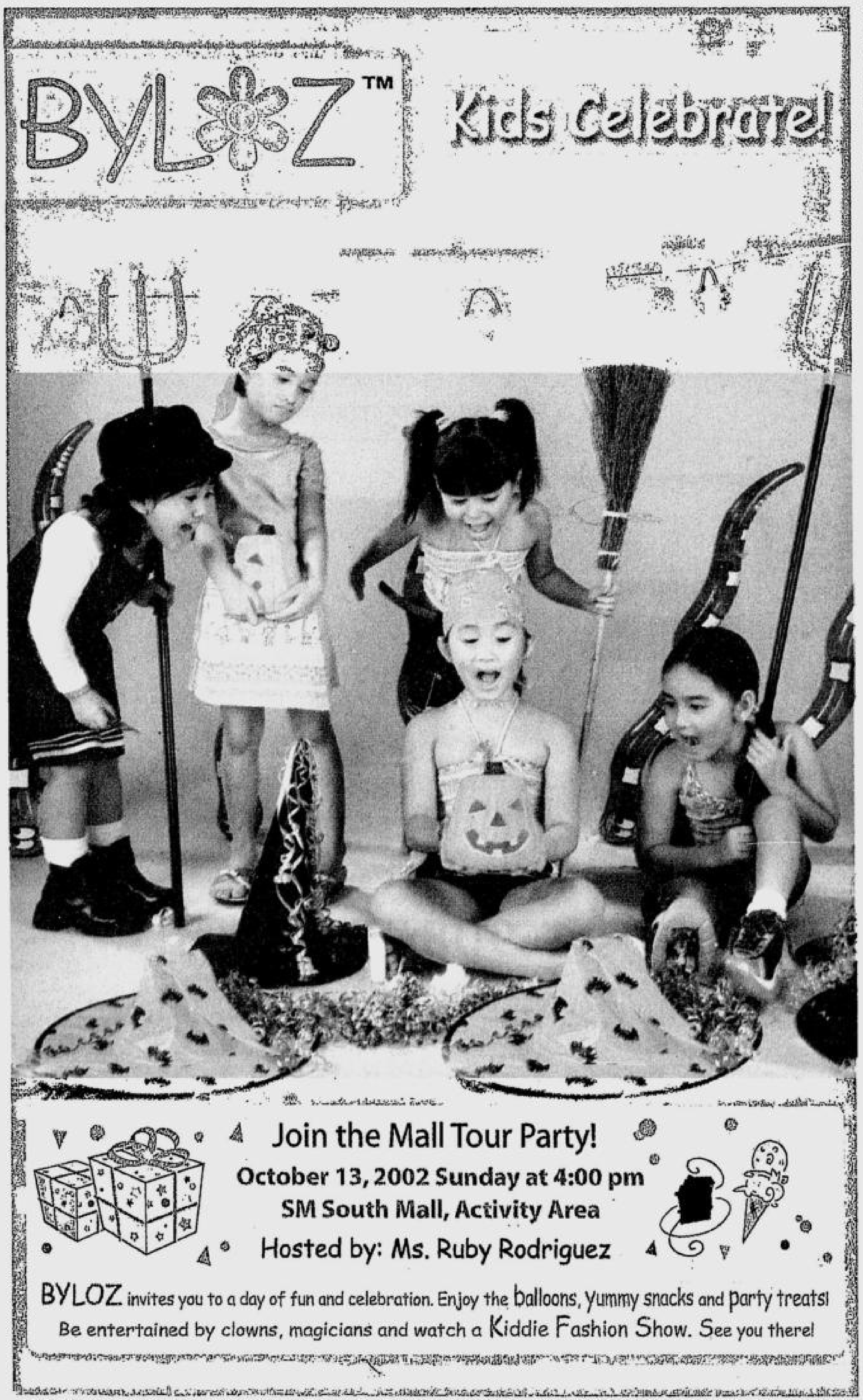

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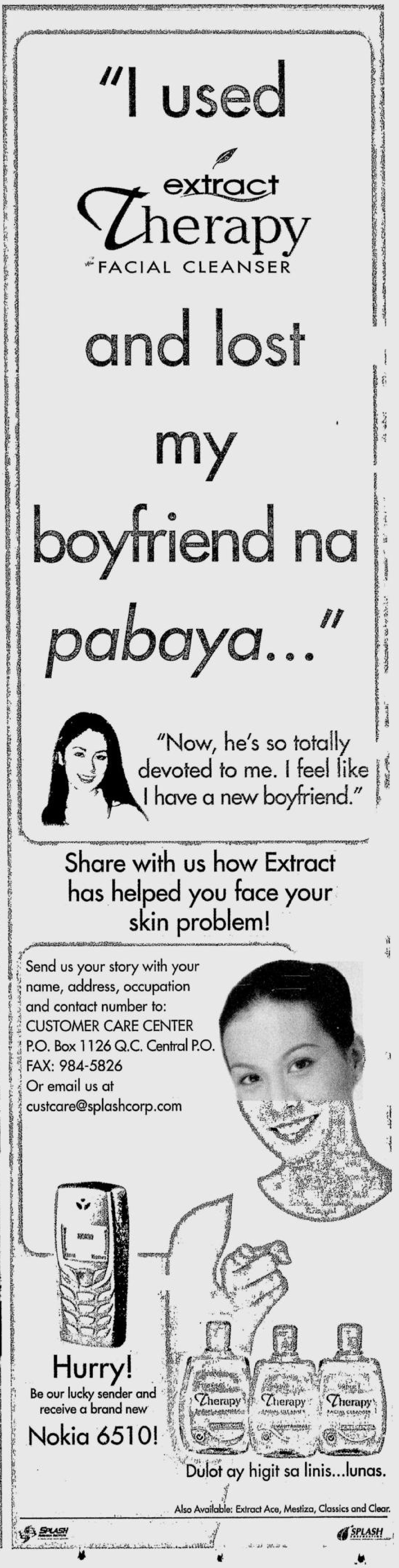

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Proceeds from Rotary Club bazaar help fund medical missions

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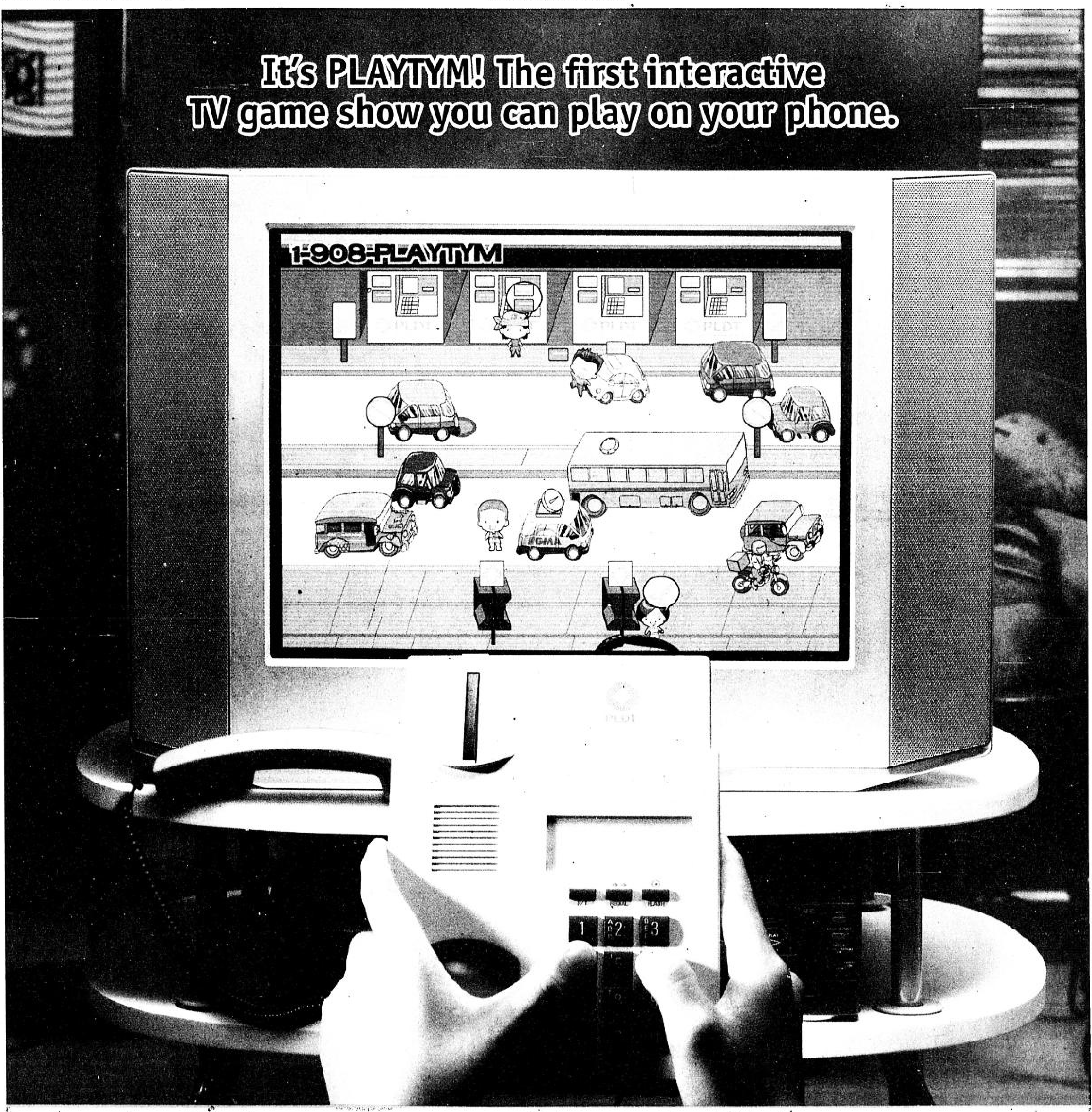
ON OCT. 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Rotary Club of Makati will have its annual Christmas bazaar at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Items on sale include Christmas décor, antiques, jewelry, frames, children's clothes, men's and ladies RTW, linens and more.

Proceeds from the bazaar will fund medical missions to the Philippine General Hospital, specifically the following: free operations for the less fortunate; Save an Eye Outreach Program, which provides free consultations and surgery to indigent patients who are treated in a fully-equipped mobile clinic; Mend a Heart Project, for patients needing cardiac device donations and assistance; Books Across the Seas program, which to date, has given out over a million books to schools and libraries nationwide.

You can also choose to do your charity work directly. The Rotary Club of Makati Christmas bazaar features a Last Angel table, where a Christmas tree will be filled with RC Makati "angels" carrying the names of the indigent children whom you can adopt for Christmas.

You can select your own "angel" and choose a gift and make the children's Christmas a truly memorable one.

The Christmas bazaar is organized by the Rotary Anns led by First Ann, Yvone Kuan, spouse of Rotary Club of Makati president Robert Kuan, with Bettina Benitez, Et Librea, Jean Chavez, Joey Roque, Chit Marty, Sylvia Gonzales, Corlu Caparas, Lil Dominguez, Caling Young, Stef Naval Tesha Garcia, Marilyn Velayo, Marilou Alejandro, Terry Tambunting, Glo Garcia, Ludy Campos, Marysia Recto, Evelyn Galve, Papat Escaler, Angela Quila, Brin Panlilio, Menchit Ordoveza, Mariza del Rosario and Lorraine Feliciano.



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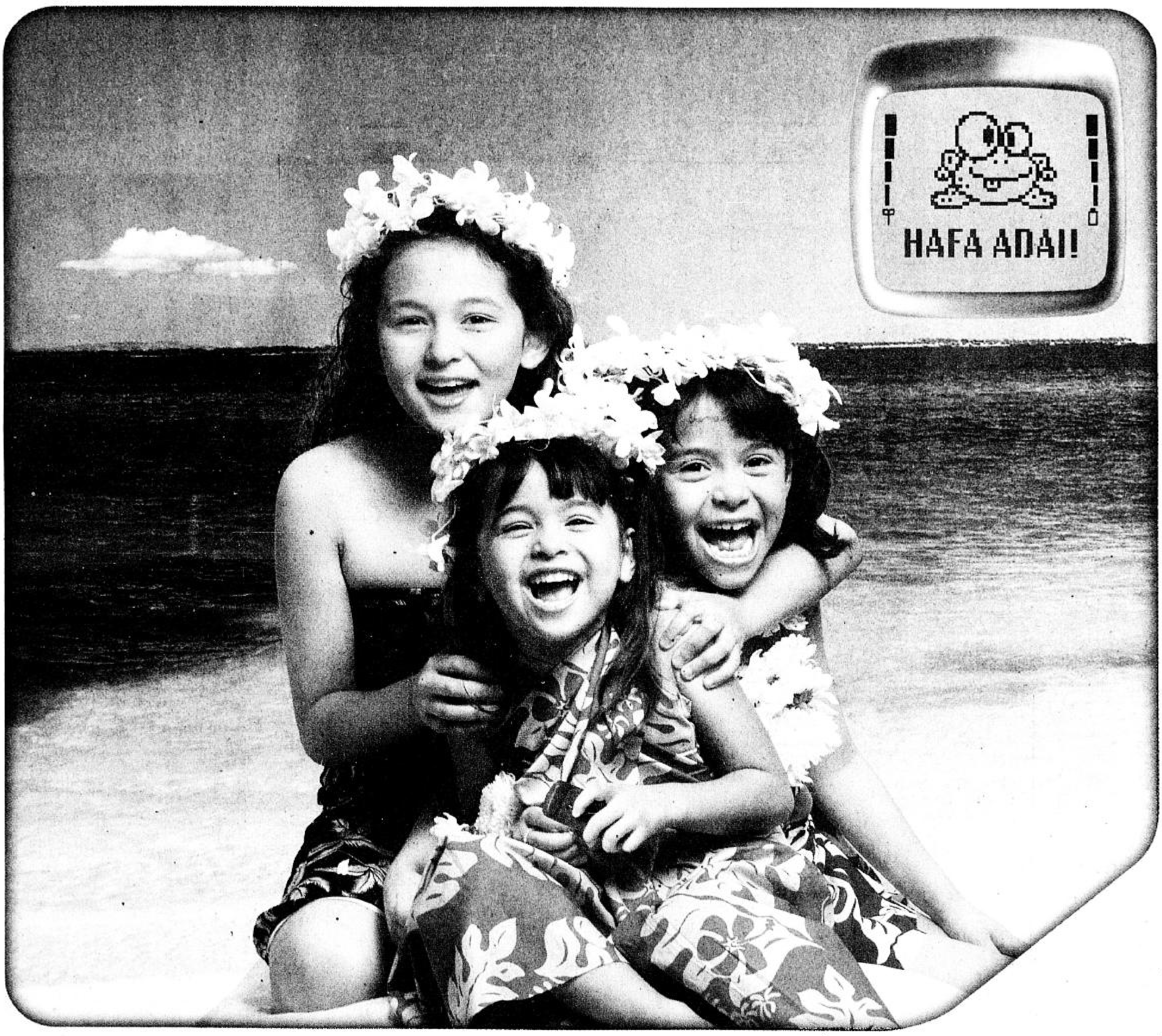

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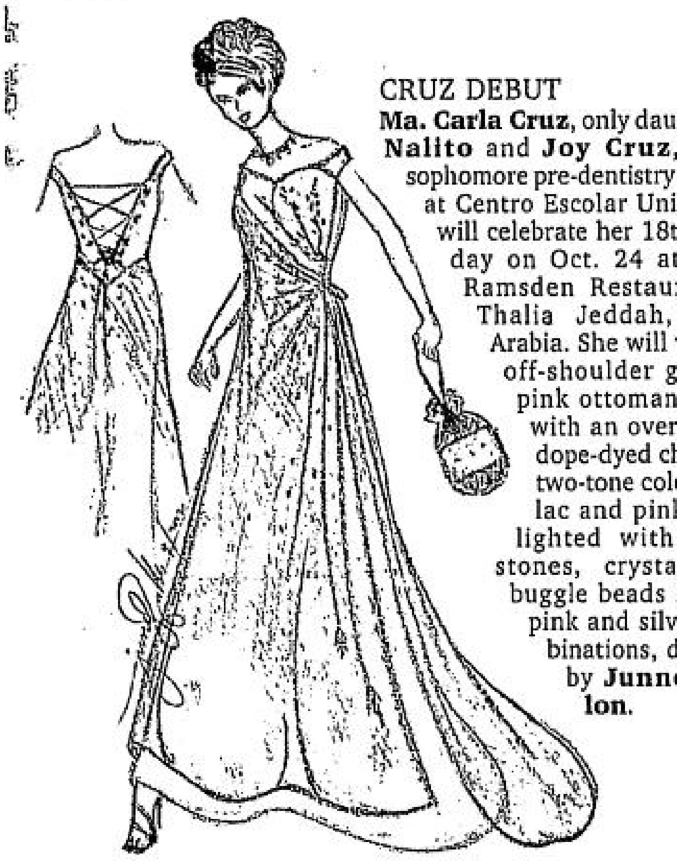
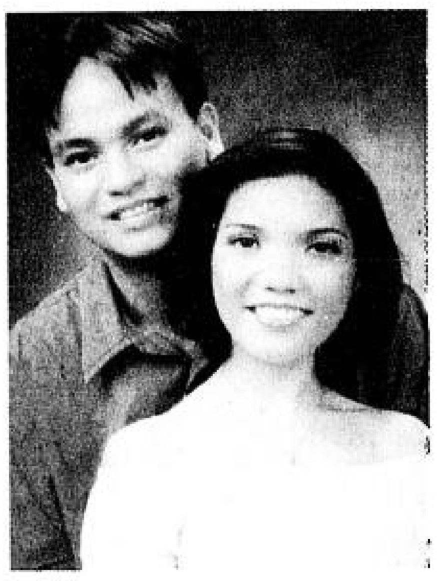


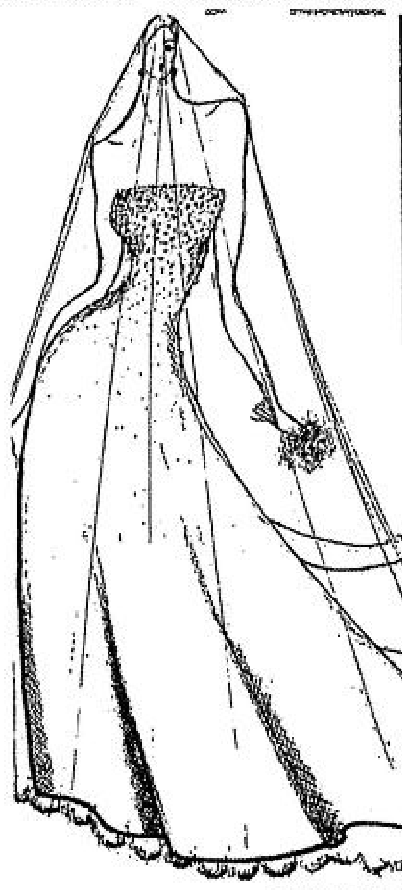
CRUZ DEBUT

Ma. Carla Cruz, only daughter of **Nalito** and **Joy Cruz**, and a sophomore pre-dentistry student at Centro Escolar University, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Oct. 24 at Harry Ramsden Restaurant in Thalia Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She will wear an off-shoulder gown in pink ottoman/*gracia* with an overlapping dope-dyed chiffon in two-tone colors of lilac and pink, highlighted with rhinestones, crystals and buggle beads in lilac, pink and silver combinations, designed by **Junnel Gallon**.



ROSARIO-SABATE

Jon-jon B. Rosario, son of **Servillano** and the late **Esmenia Rosario,** will wed **Aldine E. Sabate,** daughter of **Reynaldo** and **Annabelle E. Sabate**, on Oct. 18 at the Archbishop Palace, Villa San Miguel Compound, Manda-luyong. Reception follows at Richmonde Hotel, Ortigas, Pasig. The bride will wear an ecru *gracia* silk accentuated by lace applique, diamond cut beads and pearls, tracing the hemline and off shoulder bodice, designed by **Mamerto Escandor**.

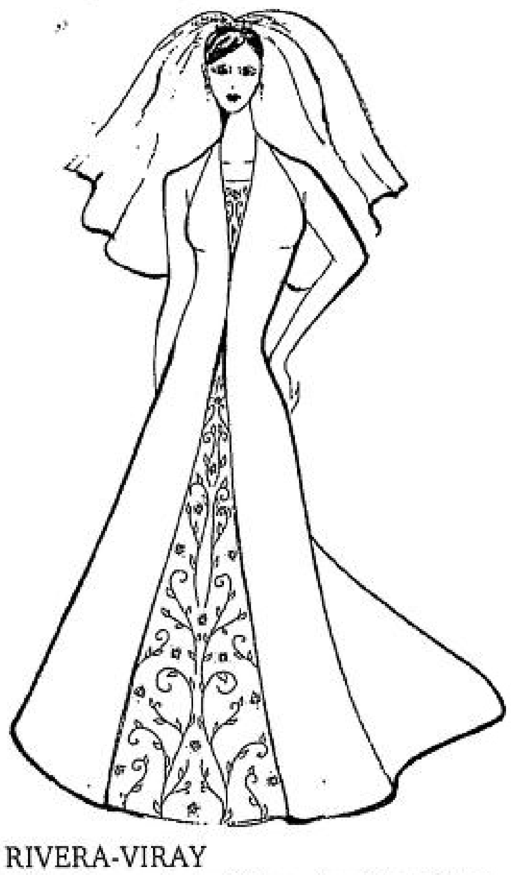


BALAJADIA-FELICIANO

Allan Victor A. Balajadia, area manager of JDH Philippines and son of **Agripino** and **Violeta Alcazar-Balajadia**, will exchange marital vows with **Athelle Beverly Diamond G. Feliciano**, materials planner of San Miguel Corp. Liquor Division and daughter of **Antilano P. Feliciano** and **Evelyn Guillen-Feliciano,** on Oct. 19, 4 p.m., at the Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills. Reception will follow at the Puerto Real Garden, Intramuros. Dia will wear a pure white strapless Italian satin gown studded with Swarovski crystals and pearls. It has a 5-m detachable train and 10-m long, fully embroidered veil. Allan will wear an original piña fiber barong, accentuated by the silver *suksok*. He will be in black inner silk shirt and black slacks. Both outfits were designed by **Ding Marquez.**

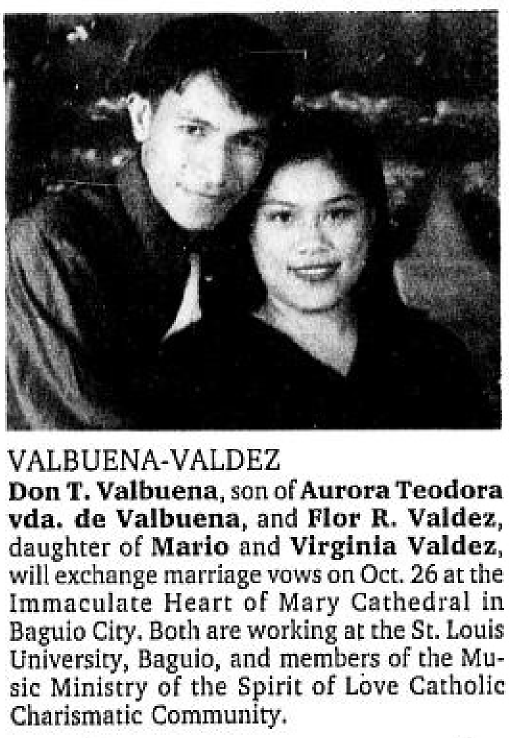
DECENA-QUIROZ

Melissa D. Quiroz, daughter of **Manuel** and **Elisa Quiroz**, ties the knot with **Emmanuel S. Decena**, son of engineer **Elmer** and **Alicia Decena**, today, 1:30 p.m., at Santissimo Rosario Parish Church, University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila. Reception will be at Ramon Magsaysay Center, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Melissa will wear a gown designed by **Jojoe Villaluna** of Lifestyles Design Avenue.



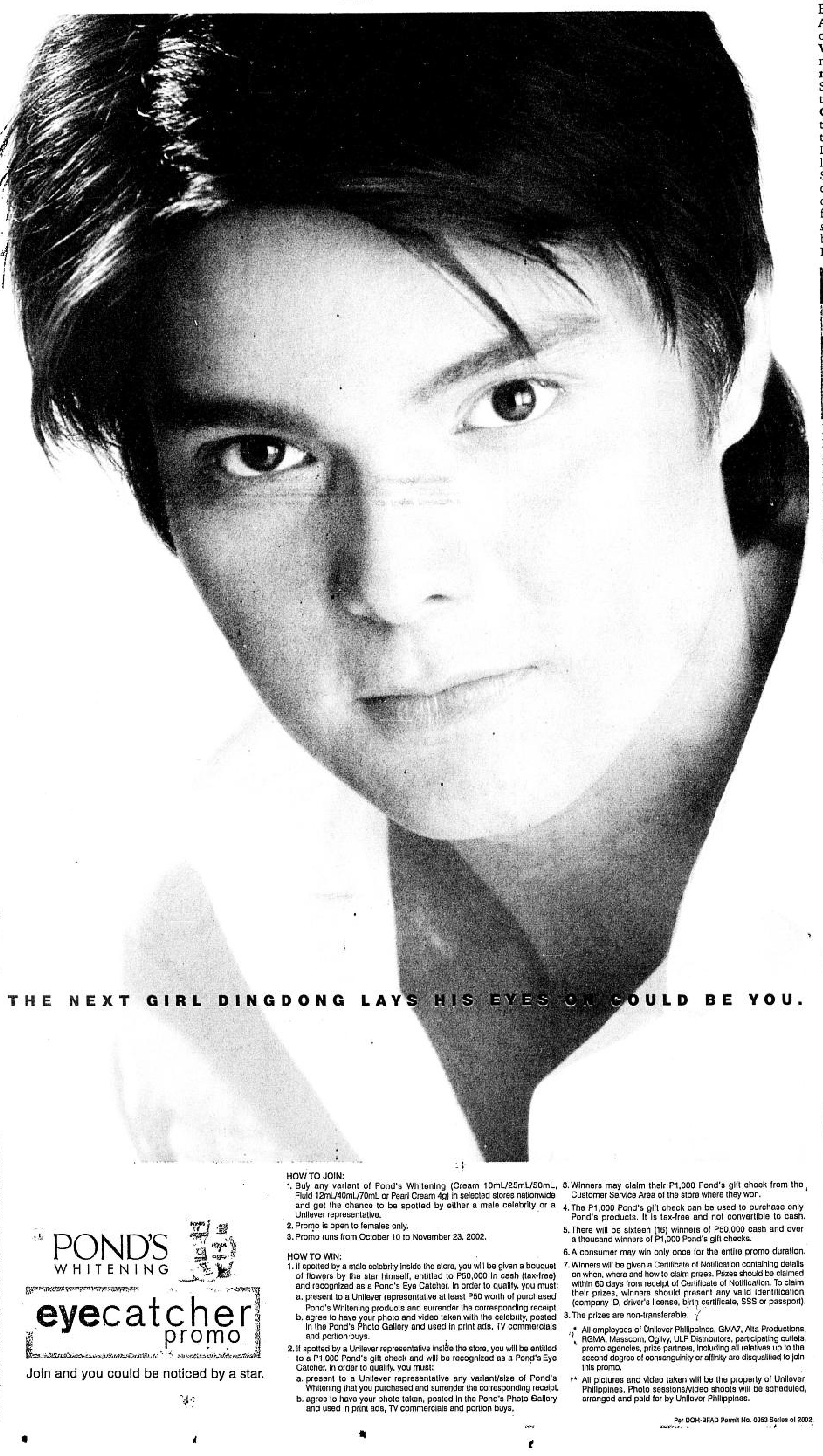
RIVERA-VIRAY

Mary Bernadette Viray, daughter of engineer **Jose** and **Betty Viray**, will wed lawyer **Noel Francis Rivera**, son of Drs. **Benedicto** and **Estela Rivera**, on Oct. 19, 7 p.m., at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati. Reception follows at the Peninsula Manila's Rigodon Ballroom. The bride will wear a simple yet elegant beaded gown designed by **Michelle Lim**. Wedding coordinator is the Kasalan Coordination Services.



VALBUENA-VALDEZ

Don T. Valbuena, son of **Aurora Teodora vda. de Valbuena**, and **Flor R. Valdez**, daughter of **Mario** and **Virginia Valdez**, will exchange marriage vows on Oct. 26 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral in Baguio City. Both are working at the St. Louis University, Baguio, and members of the Music Ministry of the Spirit of Love Catholic Charismatic Community.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3. Winners may claim their P1,000 Pond's gift check from the Customer Service Area of the store where they won.
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6. A consumer may win only once for the entire promo duration.
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Doubts about Lady of All Nations laid to rest

ALTHOUGH there were some doubts about the veracity of the apparitions and messages of Our Lady of All Nations to Ida Peerdeman in Amsterdam, they were put to rest by a statement from Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Punt and Bishop Honricus Borners of Haaralem on May 31, 1996. The bishops said that "identification must be made between the apparition/messages on the one hand, and the Marian title 'The Lady of All Nations' on the other hand.

"At the moment, the Church cannot make a pronouncement about the supernatural character of the apparitions and the content of the messages...it is our judgment that there is no objection against the public veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary under this title," the statement continued.

Jaime Cardinal Sin also made a clarification in a circular letter on Oct. 1, 2001: "The title and devotion to Our Lady of All Nations can continue if these are beneficial to the spiritual life of the faithful."

He also said the Archdiocese of Manila confirmed the "Nihil Obstat" imposed by the Bishop and Auxiliary of Haaralem, attesting to their suitability, orthodoxy and fruitfulness in the practice of the devotion to Our Lady of All Nations.

The apparitions

The first apparition took place on March 25, 1945, Feast of the Annunciation, to Peerdeman. There had been 56 apparitions until May 31, 1959, with messages warning the people to change their ways, pray and do penance so they wouldn't get caught up in degeneration, disaster and war.

The prayer given to Ida warned of this:

The Prayer to Our Lady of All Nations

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit in the heart of all nations that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations who once was Mary be our advocate. Amen."

Montinolas in Amsterdam

Filipino couple Chona and Tony Montinola visited the Shrine of Our Lady of All Nations in Amsterdam after their pilgrimage to Medjugorje in February 1988. Bishop John Ito of Our Lady of Akita shrine encouraged them to go to Amsterdam. They met Ida and visited her many times until the latter died in 1996 at the age of 90. The nuns under the order Pro Deo et Fratibus Family Coredemptrix, founded by Fr. Paul Maria Sigl, spiritual son of the visionary, take care of the chapel. The chapel is inside the house of Ida Peerdeman.

The couple has decided to propagate devotion under this particular title of Our Lady. They print prayer cards and celebrate the feast of Our Lady on May 31.

Parishes or people who want *estampitas* can write them at Our Lady of All Nations at P.O. Box (8) 814, Dasmariñas Village, Makati.

St. Joseph Church in Bacolor

My doctor, Willie Olalia, and his wife, Dr. Ma. Salve Olalia, are among a group of people who are building a church of St. Joseph in Barrio Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga.

"It was Oct. 1, 1995 when *lahar* ravaged our barrio Cabalantian," wrote Dr. Salve. "In an instant, our beloved place was buried in about 20-30 ft of *lahar* and...we lost everything, including our future.

"Already a parish in October 1989...our barrio had a modest parish church and officers of the parish pastoral council were already working to transfer to a bigger place. The construction was underway—the foundation had been laid. But it was not to be.

"After the 1995 disaster, the people reestablished their lives with a new vision for the future, inspired by God's mercy and love. Realizing that we now need a new place of worship, the parish council, under the spiritual direction of our parish priest, Rev. Fr. Nestor G. Tayag, and with the special committees created for this purpose, has taken the initial steps to build a new parish church for our beloved barrio. We need all the help that God's children can give."

Architect Yolanda Reyes will design the church. The construction committee is composed of engineer Lucito Sibug, chair; engineer Rod Pangilinan, vice chair; Gregorio Yamzon, auditor; and engineers Ernesto Cunanan, Arnel Miranda and Noel Miranda, members.

Parish Pastoral Council officers are: Silvestre Cortez, president; Teddy Kho, VP; Erlinda Cortez, secretary; Ma. Lourdes Kho, treasurer; and Elsa Kho, assistant treasurer. External affairs: Dr. Ma. Salve Olalia, president; engineer Emil Miranda, vice president; Nida Samia, secretary; and Gregorio Cunanan, treasurer. Finance committee: Dr. William Olalia, chair; Rico David, vice chair; Lorna Cruz, secretary-treasurer; Beth Quizon, assistant treasurer; and Ponciano Castro, auditor.

Treasure hunting stopped

The National Museum, through its deputy for the province of Cavite, Antonio G. Nazareno, stopped recently the treasure hunting being done under the guise of restoring an ancient structure at the Garita Elementary School in Cavite.

The school's name, "Garita," is a Spanish word meaning quarters for the Spanish *guardia civil* guarding Porta Vaga, entrance to the old port city of Cavite Puerto from where the galleons sailed to Acapulco, Mexico.

Queen of Schoenstatt

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Devotees of Mother Thrice Admirable Queen of Schoenstatt mark her feast on Oct. 18. The devotion began in Valendar, Germany, near Cologne. Fr. Joseph Kentenich started this devotion among his seminary students and it has spread. The cause of the beatification of Father Kentenich is ongoing.

Peñafrancia feast

The Bicol region's beloved patroness, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, was brought recently to Lipa City, where "Ina" also has hundreds of devotees. Lipeños fervently welcomed the Virgin's image—the exact image that drew thousands of *voyadores* (male devotees) to Naga City for the recent Trasiacion (transfer), which signaled the start of the nine-day celebration of Our Lady of Peñafrancia's feast.

The image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia stayed in Lipa for three days.

Vigil honors were given by the Fernando Air Base (FAB) Military Police. A liturgical reception, prayers of welcome, and a Eucharistic concelebration were held on the day the image arrived in the San Sebastian Cathedral.

The second day started with a motorcade, which brought the image Virgin to FAB. The new AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin P. Defensor Jr., former commanding general of the Philippine Air Force (PAF), is a devotee. Fluvial rites were held in FAB's Olympic-sized swimming pool. Afterwards, the image was brought to the FAB Chapel, where it was met by Brig. Gen. Arcadio L. Seron, commander of the FAB Air Education and Training Command.

A small *salu-salo* followed. The Virgin returned to Naga City, escorted by Msgr. Romulo Vergara, rector of the Basilica Minore of Our Lady of Peñafrancia in the city.

The Lipa visit was organized by PAF Maj. Gems Molina, chair of the Peñafrancia.

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The Earth+Style Homes collection comes in different designs to complement the Earth+Style Villages where they are located.

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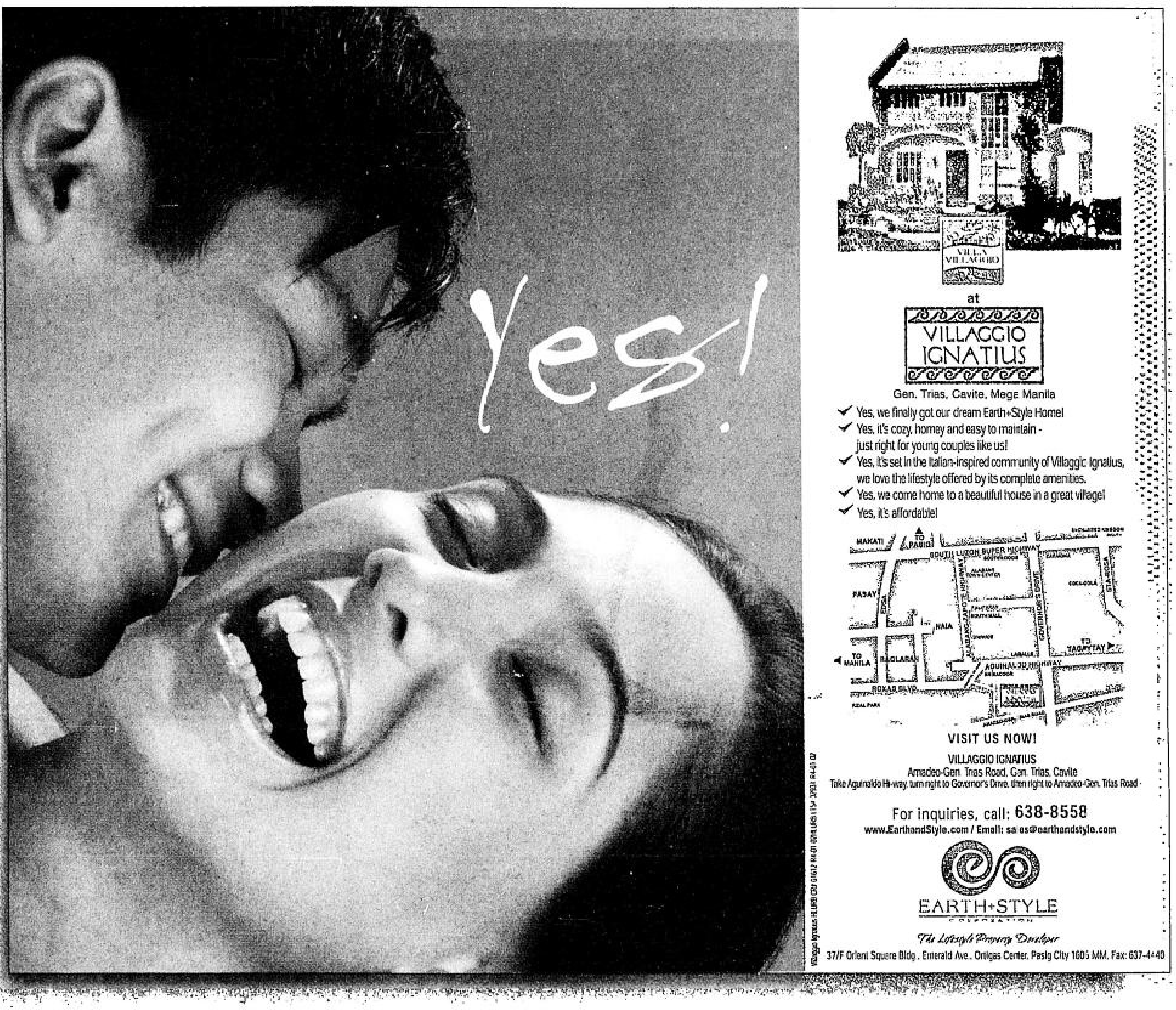

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k for in a house and what they want in their community."

While most real estate developers will first ask prospective buyers how much they can afford, Mr. Acero said price is the last thing they discuss. However, he gave the assurance that Earth+Style's residential projects are very affordable, with prices ranging from ₱500,000 to ₱2.4 million, under flexible payment terms.

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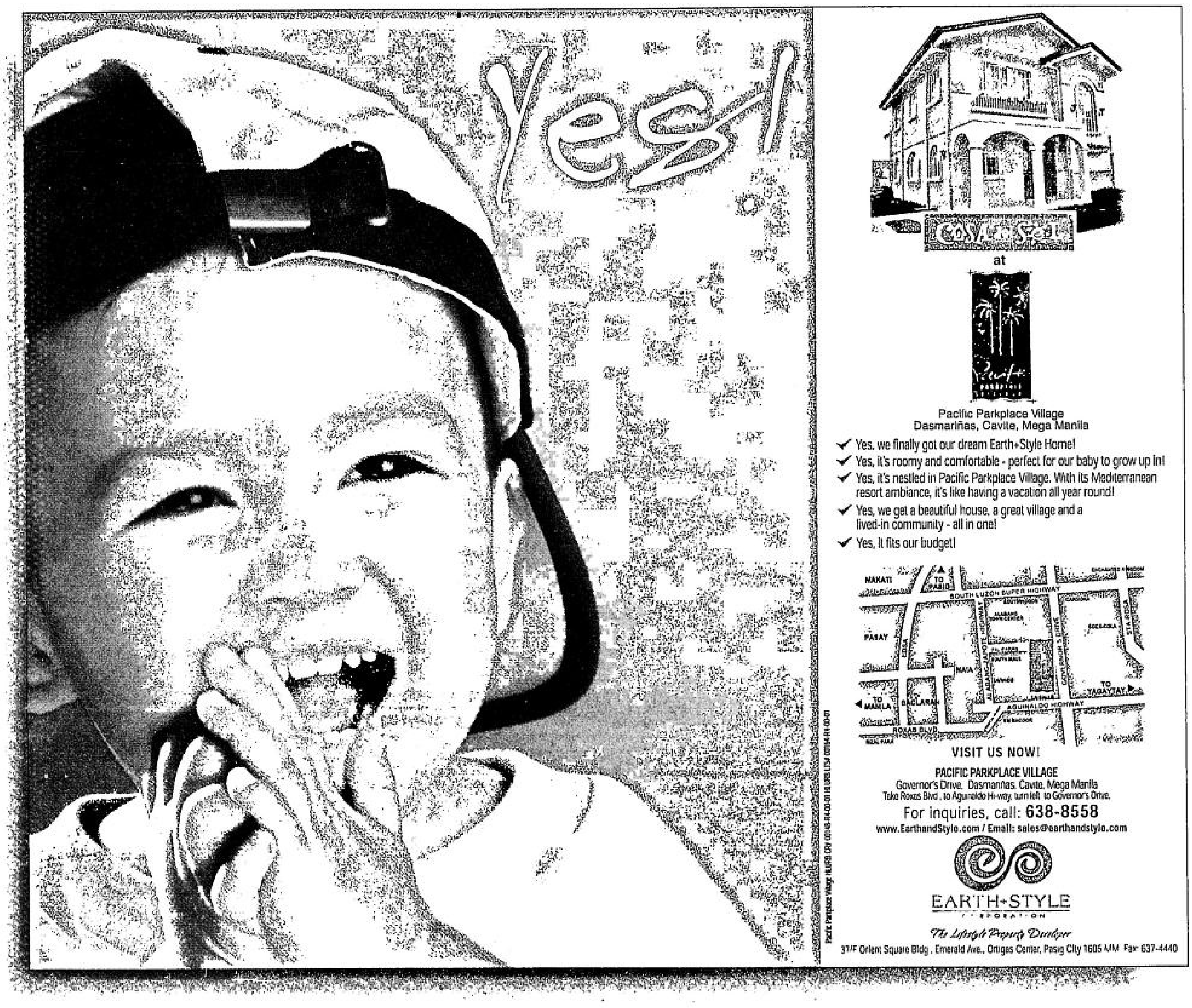
Being a "lifestyle property developer" is a source of pride for Earth+Style Corporation. "We consider every facet of our customers' changing lifestyle in our developments," Mr. Acero said. "Then we offer lifestyle solutions centering on their growth, dreams and aspirations. Yes, we hope to change life - from how things are into how they could better be - abundant, free and fulfilling."



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Earth+Style Villages are the residential communities of Earth+Style. They embrace the essence of Earth+Style's vision: the commitment to more than just develop communities, but to create lifestyles through sustainable planning and heightened sensitivity to the residents' evolving needs.

For Earth+Style, nothing is more important than how people feel about where they live. "We do not aim to impress and create sensations which are fleeting, said Eileen T. Uy, Earth+Style's Assistant Vice President for Project Development. "Rather, we aspire to create experiences - a real phenomenon that can create memories and connect people to a place. Places that inspire...and places with character."

Inspired by the American ease of spirit , Parkplace Village is a first-of-its-kind residential park development concept in the sunniest side of Imus, Cavite. Residents feel right at home here the moment they move in. With the Parkplace Country Club, there is enough rest, relaxation and recreation to fill many days and nights. Parkplace Village is now home to a growing community of friendly families living in warmth and contentment alongside each other.

Enveloped in elegance, Grand Parkplace Village in Imus, Cavite extends the unique park development concept with grandeur. Here, residents enjoy a breath of fresh air and the serenity of a homey environment. With luxurious amenities of the Grand Parkplace Country Club - clubhouse, world-class resort pool, twin tennis courts, playgrounds and gardens, among others - residents get the best that life can offer.

Nestled in Dasmariñas, Cavite, the Pacific Parkplace Village is a fusion of the tropical and Mediterranean setting. With the Pacific Parkplace Resort and Country Club, the mind is rested, the body relaxed and the spirit recharged. Homeowners swear that living here is like a vacation 365 days a year.

Villaggio Ignatius in Trias, Cavite is the stylized Italian Renaissance residential village inspired by the life and times of St. Ignatius. Homeowners are enticed by the sheer relaxation they get from the Villaggio Ignatius Resort and Country Club. With a host of indoor and outdoor amenities, Villaggio Ignatius provides a complete lifestyle characterized by comfort and culture.

Situated at premiere locations in Mega Manila, Earth+Style Villages are complete, self-contained communities that provide the ideal venue for greater family intimacy and self-fulfillment.

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Happy to sprain an ankle

JHONNA and Gerry in front of the Manila Cathedral

THE BRIDE with secondary sponsors and the bridesmaids at the reception

He avoids falling into a manhole but ends up falling in love

By Gerry Fojas

AFTER a long and busy day in October 1998, I stood on the sidewalk of España trying to catch a ride as night fell. After standing in front of the University of Santo Tomas for some time, I finally decided to set for UN Avenue on foot.

Cold and in a rush to get home, I tripped and almost fell into a manhole near the Manila City Hall. I felt a sharp pain running from my ankle to my leg. I was limping as I continued to work toward UN Avenue, heading for my Dad's clinic on the second floor of the Medical Center Manila. Suspecting either a fracture or a sprain, he had my foot X-rayed then referred me to his colleague, Dr. Rafael Recto, an orthopedic surgeon.

After the X-ray, I limped to Dr. Recto's clinic. As I entered the door, a pretty young lady with large, cheerful brown eyes, politely asked me for the X-ray. At the sight of her, the throbbing pain in my injured ankle seemed to disappear. We chatted as though we've known each other for ages, while I waited for the doctor to review my X-ray. Thankfully, it was just a sprained ankle. I was grateful to have had the injury just then.

But in my haste to leave upon getting the doctor's prescription, I forgot to ask her name!

A year had passed. My youngest sister Mia and her class at the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital was participating in the lantern parade. The activity proved too much that two days later, Mia collapsed. The fall caused a spinal injury, which had to be referred to an orthopedic surgeon.

As luck would have it, my sister, like me, went to Dr. Recto.

It paved the way for another chance encounter with the girl of my dreams. She was looking even prettier than when I last saw her. This time, I asked for her cell phone number, saying I might have to contact her regarding my sister's condition. When she readily gave her number, my heart soared. I resolved to start sending her text messages.

We exchanged text messages in the days that followed. I sent her jokes, she responded with profound thoughts. I decided she was just being polite so I stopped sending her messages.

After a week, she sent me a message asking me not to send her any more text messages. I was puzzled since I already stopped.

So, I asked Mona, my Dad's secretary, for advice. I learned that Jhonna (that's her name) was aloof even with other secretaries. Still wondering, I decided to know more about Jhonna through more direct means. I started dropping by Dr. Recto's clinic, using my sister's case as an excuse. Dr. Recto knew what was drawing me to his clinic.

I asked Jhonna to dinner but she declined. As I dined alone, I sent her a text message telling her of the restaurant's superb menu and the dish I ordered. She replied that she really wanted to join me so I replied, "There will be (a) next time!"

I could no longer deny my feelings for her. I was head over heels in love but I was too shy to tell her. Next day, I invited her to lunch, and she accepted. I was surprised when her boss gave her the whole afternoon off.

As we queued in a fastfood joint, she wanted to move to another line. I caught her hand to stop her from moving away. It was electric. We knew we were in love. As we talked, we concluded ours was a "perfect match." We promised to love and support each other from that day onward.

Later, Dr. Recto would invite both of us to his boat. I presumed he wanted to vet the man his secretary was involved with. I felt like a specimen under a microscope. I was relieved when he told me that he favored me over Jhonna's other suitors. I assured him that I loved Jhonna with all my heart.

We got engaged weeks later and were married on June 1 this year.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Fleet
7 Implore
10 Comics' "Andy —"
14 In the lead
19 Laughed loudly
20 Ivy Leaguer
21 Jai —
22 Sibelius' "— Triste"
23 Start of a remark by Joan St. Onge
24 Paving material
25 Picnic spoiler
26 Shocked
27 Susan of "L.A. Law"
28 Forsake
31 — -di-dah
33 Chihuahua relative
34 — Valley, CA
36 Aparicio or Alvarez
38 Least relaxed
41 Part 2 of remark
47 Nigerian city
48 Even if, informally
49 Judd Hirsch sitcom
50 Arafat's grp.
51 Profess
52 Joyce's land
54 Transfer temporarily
56 Exploded
60 "En —!"
62 Maffia or Downey
63 Gown part
66 See 113 Across
67 — roll
69 Made wine divine
72 Actress Remini
73 Envelope abbr.
74 Part 3 of remark
81 TV's "People — Funny"
82 Humorist Bombeck
83 Young or Diamond
84 Dallas coll.
85 Beak
86 Ready partner
88 New Jersey team
91 Happen next
95 Sale stipulation
97 Smeltery refuse
99 Profit
100 Baseball's Bucky
101 Owns
104 Joyce of "Roc"
106 — -Magnon
107 Droll
108 Part 4 of remark
113 With 66 Across, Burt Reynolds flick
114 Mediocre
115 Related
116 Sweater letter
117 Cutup
119 "The Consul" composer
122 Cow or sow
125 Range rope
128 Leslie Caron role
130 Health resort
131 End of remark
134 More distant
135 Evangelist Roberts
136 Bother
137 Actor Helmut
138 Mouthful
139 Inquisitive
140 Caustic substance
141 Annette of "Cat People"

DOWN
1 Like the Thar
2 Learning method
3 Creche figure
4 Onassis' nickname
5 Actress Sandra
6 Spice Girl Victoria
7 — carotene
8 Dash
9 Pot holder?
10 Big name in cruises
11 Chicken — king
12 Bucket
13 Fiesta target
14 Gregory's "On the Beach" co-star
15 Crone
16 Makes merry
17 St. Francis' home
18 Terminal
29 Acrid
30 Force out
32 Rope fiber
34 Famed photographer
35 "— Too Late" ('71 hit)
37 At — and sevens
39 Zilch
40 Social climber
41 Pennant
42 Molten rock
43 Perpetual lab assistant
44 Rock's — Express
45 Sane
46 The sound of little bells
53 Minnesota town
55 Spare fare
57 It becomes ewe?
58 Stocking shade
59 Artist Benjamin
61 Computer key
64 "Willard" extras
65 Subject
68 Curly coif
70 Chemical ending
71 "A Kiss Before —" ('91 film)
74 Comic Carvey
75 Spring flower
76 Skater Thomas
77 Flightless birds
78 High-flying birds
79 Become a blond
80 Shabby
87 Stops
89 It may be spare
90 Winter vehicle
92 Big rig
93 Textbook heading
94 Emulate Whistler
96 "Scat!"
98 In a morose manner
102 Diving bird
103 A whole bunch
105 Cathedral area
107 Dernier —
108 Odysseus' home
109 Emergency
110 Puff, for one
111 It's down in the mouth
112 With hands on hips
113 Cheerleader's maneuver
118 Copter kin
120 Grand Ole —
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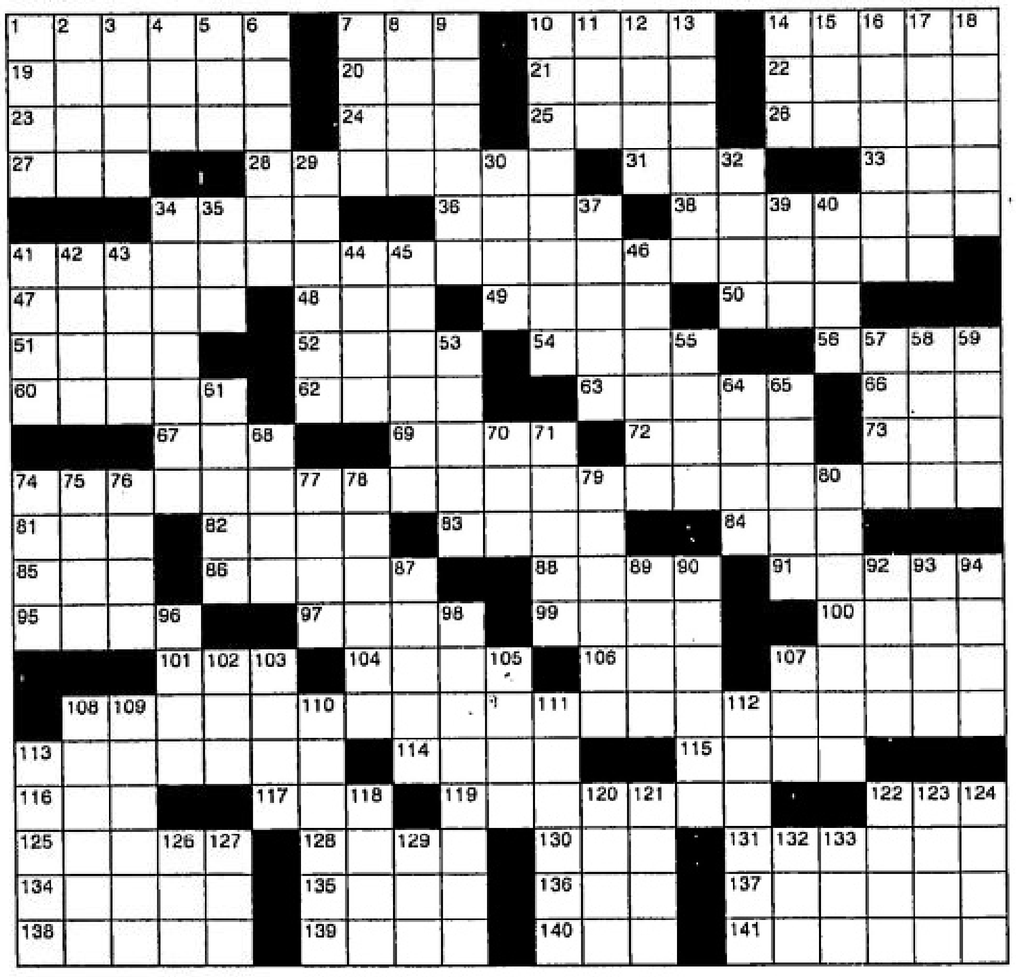
132 Still
133 To and —



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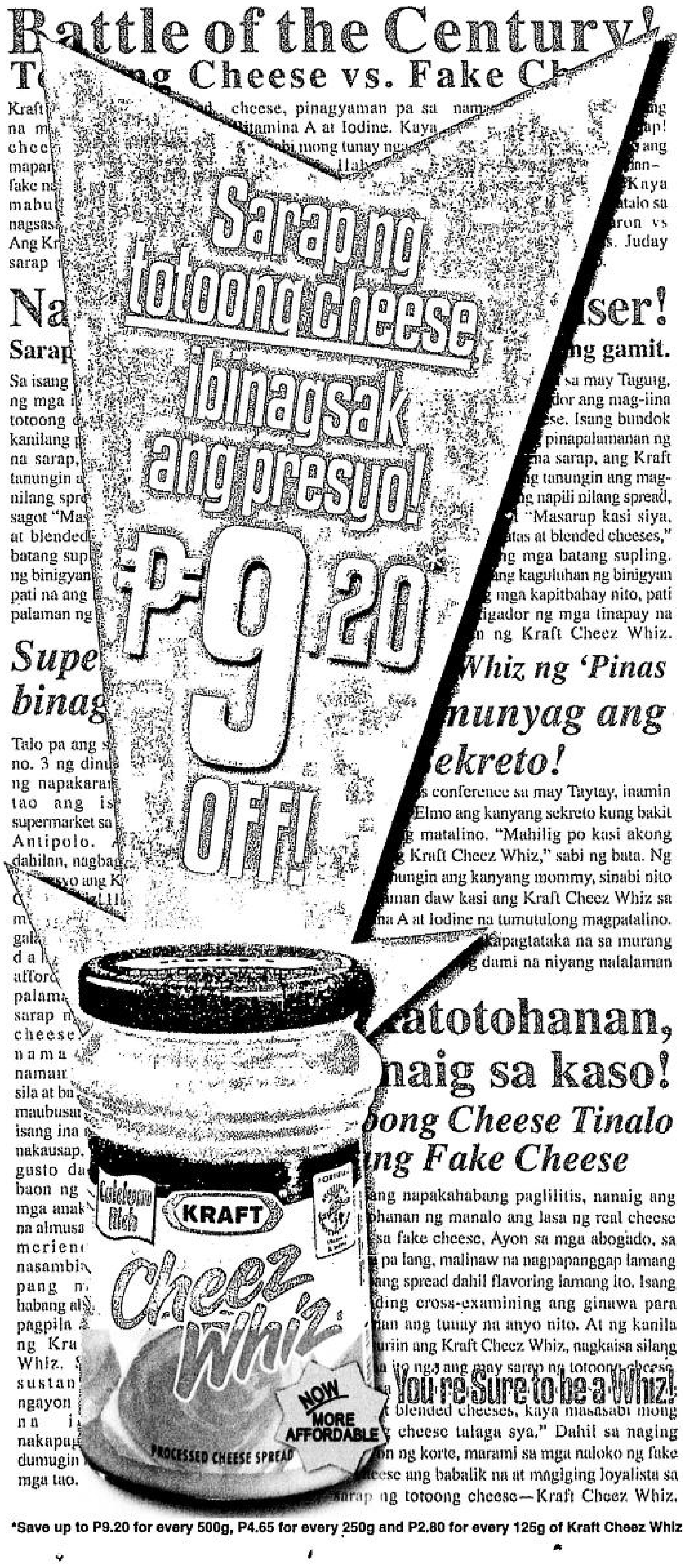
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batang sup ng mga batang supling.
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ng napakara g matalino. "Mahilig po kasi akong
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ng Fake Cheese
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sa fake cheese. Ayon sa mga abogado, sa
pa lang, malinaw na nagpapanggap lamang
ang spread dahil flavoring lamang ito. Isang
ding cross-examining ang ginawa para
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TAGAYTAY City Mayor Francis Tolentino (second from left) and Casino Filipino Tagaytay branch manager Roberto Reyes with (from left) April Ross Perez of the Philippines, Jin A Lee of Korea, Reshmi Ghosh of India and Maria Del Mar Ruiz of Costa Rica

Pagcor hosts Miss Earth's national costume tilt

THE PHILIPPINE Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) led by chair Efraim C. Genuino recently hosted the National Costume Competition of the Miss Earth 2002 beauty pageant.

Fifty-three of the most stunning women from around the globe paraded in their authentic colorful national costumes at the sprawling new Casino Filipino Tagaytay Oct. 7. Jin A Lee of Korea was best in costume while Philippine representative April Ross Perez was first runner-up. Reshmi Ghosh of India placed second runner-up and Maria Del Mar Ruiz of Costa Rica was third.

The long gown competition will be held at the Casino Filipino Waterfront Hotel in Cebu on Oct. 10. The grand coronation night will be held Oct. 20 at the Tanghalang Francisco Balagtas (formerly Folk Arts Theater). As main sponsor of the event, Pagcor will be giving away major cash prizes to the winners.

HOLIDAY Inn Resort Clark Field, with the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines, Maidenform, Seair and WeddingsAtWork.com, recently held its second bridal fair at the resort's seminar building. Highlighting the two-day interactive fair was a gala fashion show by Maidenform, FDAP and guest designers from Pampanga and Manila. At left is Binibining Pilipinas 2002 titleholder Karen Agustin in a gown by Francis Vizcarra.

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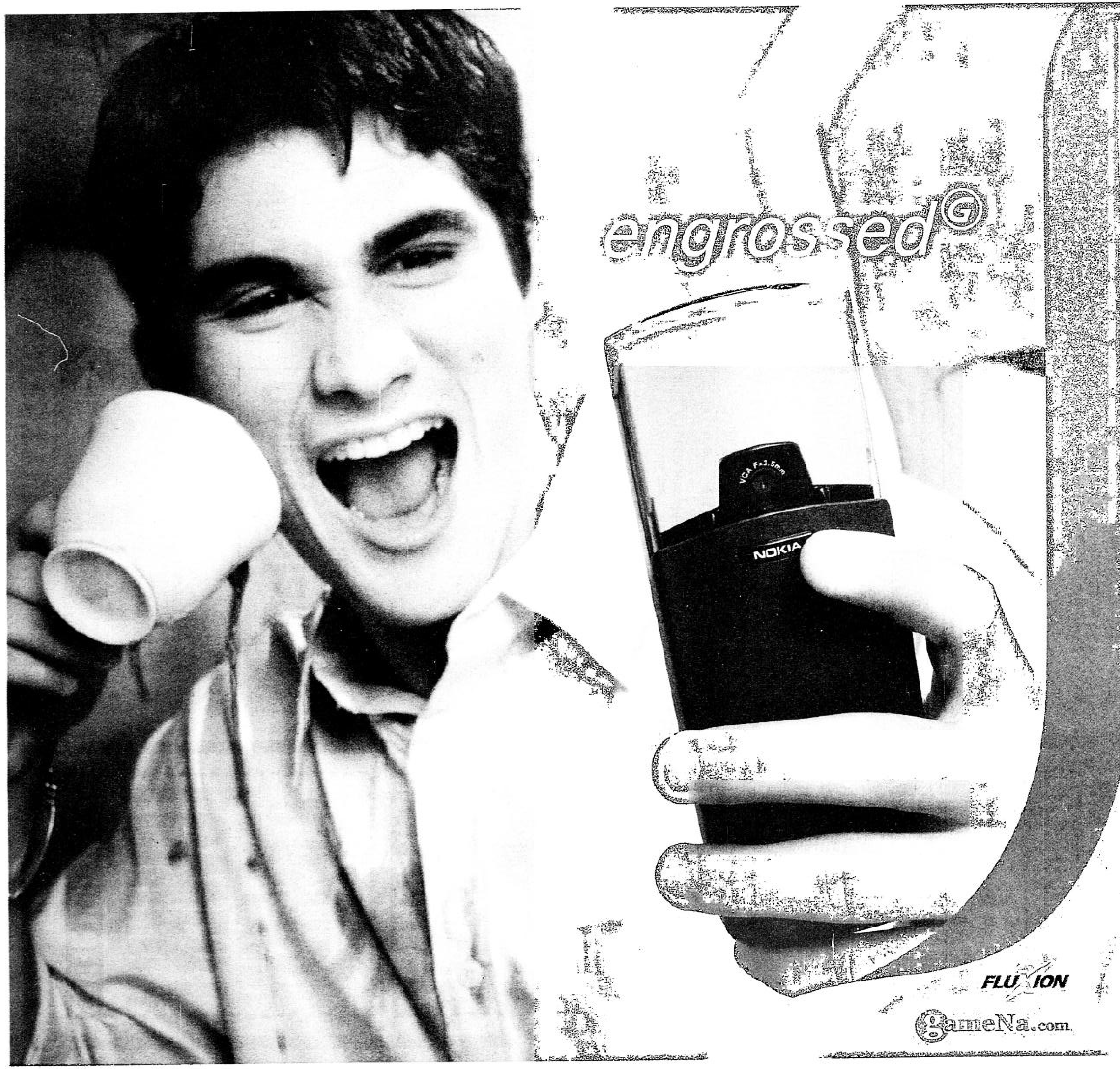
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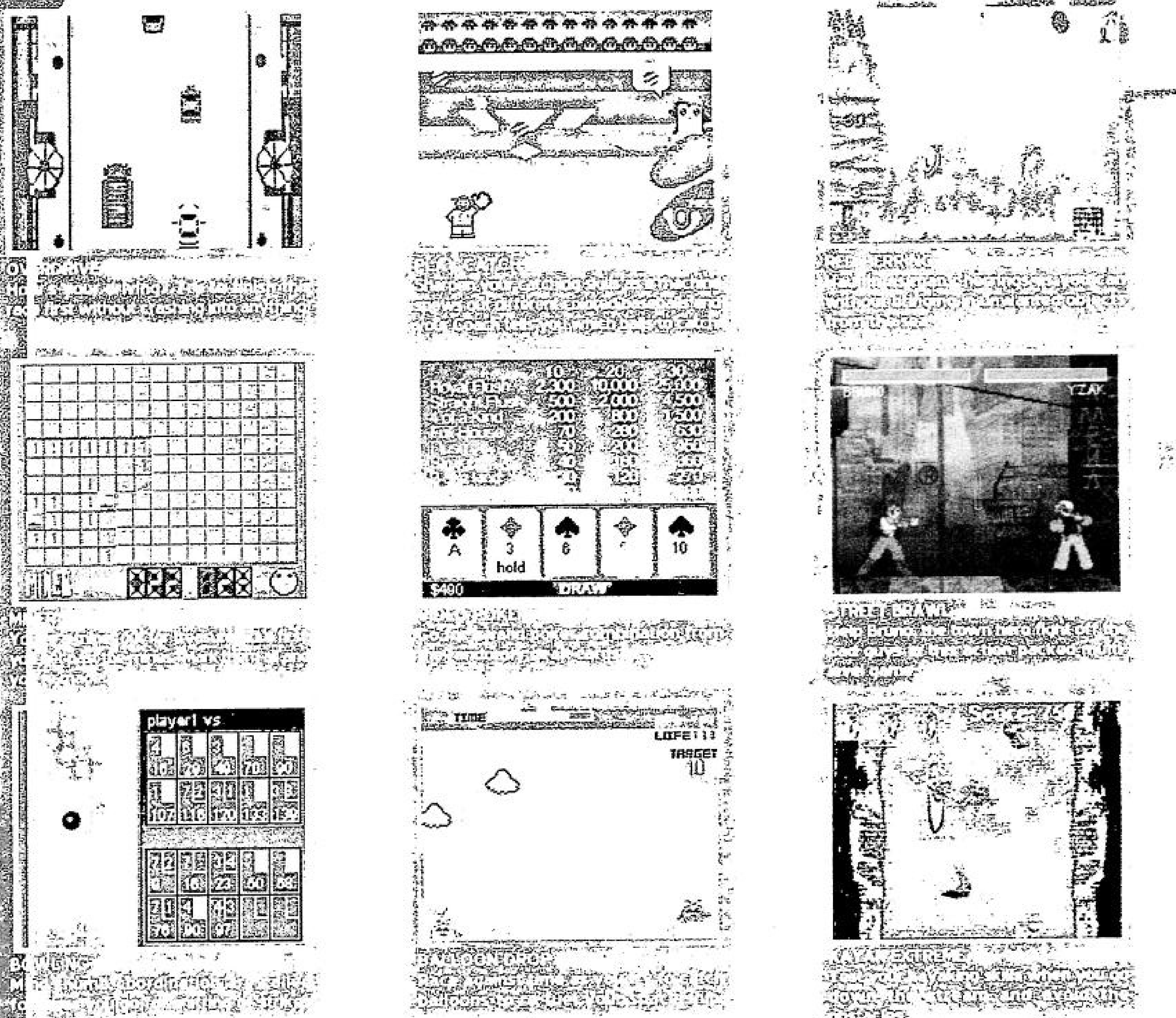
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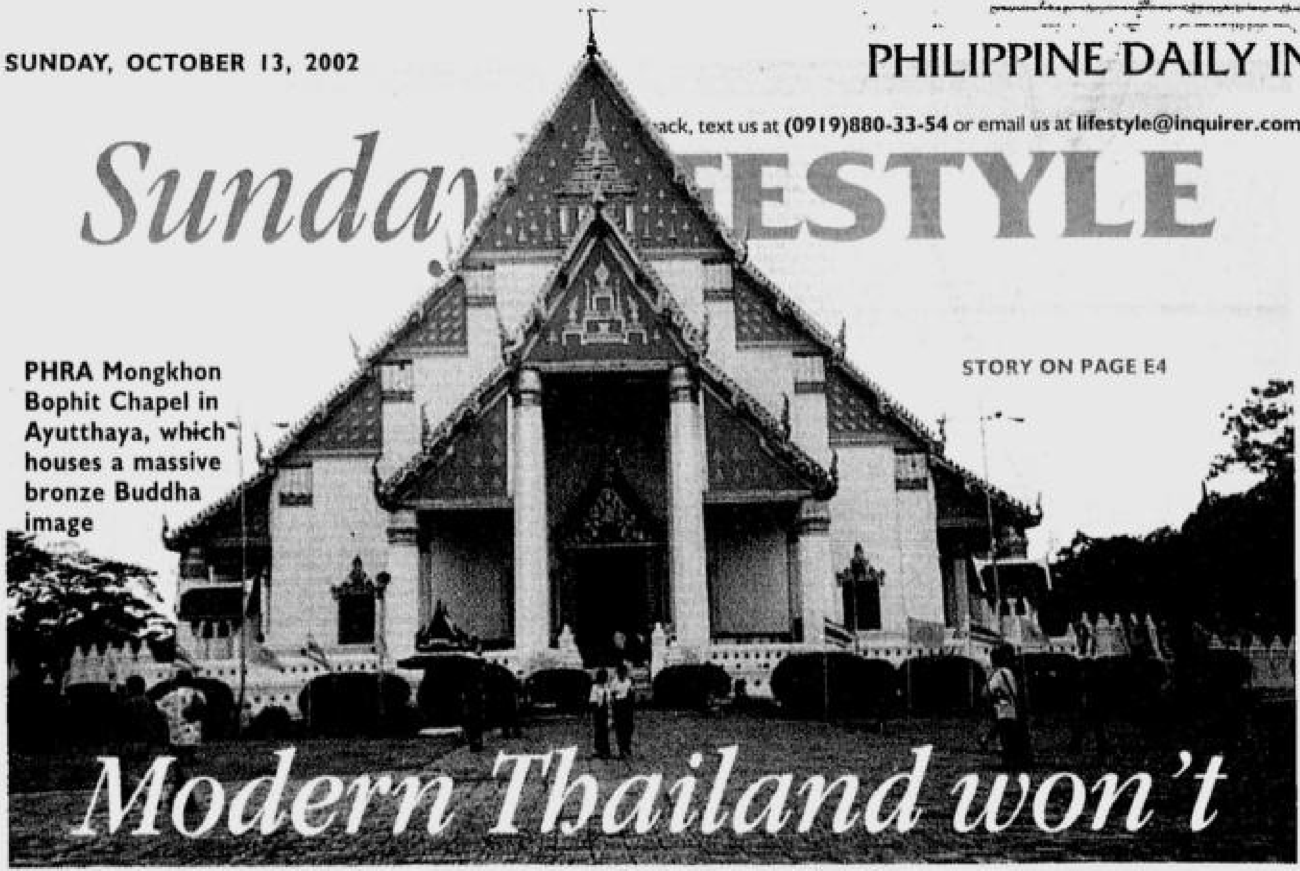

PHRA Mongkhon Bophit Chapel in Ayutthaya, which houses a massive bronze Buddha image

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Ben Farrales Foundation names first grantee

VETERAN designer Ben Farrales, with the Philippine International School of Fashion (PISF), has announced the first grantee of the Ben Farrales Foundation scholarship grant for fashion design.

"After three months of work and search, we have made our final choice, Dimple Perez Lim," Farrales said. The 21-year-old obtained a bachelor's degree in interior design from the College of the Holy Spirit. Her family owns a small factory business and she is involved with production. Even though times were hard, she managed to complete her schooling in interior design to eventually obtain higher education in fashion design, a dream that she has cherished for a very long time.

"Application to the Ben Farrales Foundation Grant was available to all young individuals regardless of sex, race, religion, or national origins, aged between 17 and 24, and the final selection was based on an overall assessment of the individual's career potential," said Andree Belanger, director general of the PISF.

"First, the candidates had to submit all their academic credentials coupled with sketches of two different ladies' wear (evening and street wear), two menswear (business and street wear), two children's wear and a prototype of one of them," she added. "Then, upon reception of the complete application, we evaluated each application and proceeded in meeting with five promising individuals for a thorough interview." The selection committee was composed of Bambi Harper, Mellie Ablaza, Winda Bautista, Fe de Guia, Noli Hans, Danilo Franco, Ben Farrales and Belanguer.

"Thanks to the Ben Farrales Foundation, the PISF will train an inspired young grantee using international level know-how and technology in fashion design. Armed with this international certificate, Dimple will specialize in pattern making and will be able to assist the local apparel industry in realizing her potential via top quality designs and efficient construction," Belanger said.

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BEN Farrales and PISF's Andree Belanguer with first grantee Dimple Perez Lim (seated)

Cleveland-trained tenor to perform with Spain's foremost orchestra

PASIG tenor Leodigario B. del Rosario performs in a solo act at the 13th Toyota Classics on Oct. 25, 7 p.m., at the Meralco Theater.

Del Rosario's powerful tenor was honed at the University of the Philippines College of Music and the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he received an Artist Diploma in Vocal Performance.

At Cleveland, he played in such opera productions as Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Musgrave's "The Abbot of Drimmock" and Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades."

Del Rosario has also performed in several productions with the Cleveland Opera Company, and with musical ensembles such as the Cleveland Opera Company and the Springville Symphony Orchestra. At home, he has been a soloist for the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra.

Del Rosario placed first in the National Association of Teachers in Singing competition for the Great Lake Area in 1999. He was a finalist in the 2000 Merola auditions. He also won second in the National Young Musicians competition in 1990. At the CIM, he received the Boris Goldovsky Prize and the Max Berman Prize in Voice for his outstanding performances in opera production.

For the Toyota Classics 2002, Del Rosario will perform with Spain's foremost orchestra, the Cadaques Orchestra. The performance will be conducted by renowned French conductor, Philippe Entremont.

Another soloist, Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey, who is acclaimed for his remarkable technique and sensitive interpretations, will play the guitar.

Proceeds from this year's Toyota Classics will be donated to Tabang Mindanaw III, which aims to give humanitarian assistance to the Filipinos displaced from Malaysia.

Tickets to the Toyota Classics 2002 are available at TicketWorld outlets in major National Bookstore branches, Robinsons Department Store (Malate and Galleria), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang), Music Museum (Virra Mall, Greenhills), and on the TicketWorld website at www.ticketworld.com.ph. Call TicketWorld at 891-5610.

Blues and Greens meet again

ATENEANS and La Sallians are really great friends.

Proof of this is that every few years, alumni of both schools, together with graduates of Maryknoll, St. Theresa's, UST, UP, San Beda, Assumption, St. Scholastica's, Lourdes, St. Paul, Letran, Xavier and International School stage a big party dubbed "Tipar" to relive their high school and college days.

This year, "Tipar 3" on Nov. 8 will be held at the Makati Sports Club on L. P. Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati City.

Organized primarily by '60s and '70s graduates of the 14 schools, "Tipar 3" also welcomes older as well as younger alumni. As in "Tipar" 1 and 2, this year's get-together aims to raise funds for the schools' respective pet charities.

Organizers Ed Villacorta of La Salle and Tito Panlilio of Ateneo said this year's party theme is "Reunion-Rejuvenation."

The music of the era will be performed by Route 70 and MOBB (Men Of Blue Blood). Popular school personalities then like Gemma Suzara, Lynne Sotto, Ida Manalo, Dot Favis, Marianne Galvez, Cherry Osmeña, Ronnie Henares, Ida Ramos, Sandy Hontiveros and the Diaz and Albert sisters will grace the affair.

Tickets at P500 per will include dinner.

Aside from Villacorta and Panlilio, alumni may call: Boy Unson (Lourdes), Annette Chanco, Yeyet Albert or Boots Reynolds (Assumption), Myra Cruz (Maryknoll), Beth Agregado, Dada Trillo or Goya Tañedo (St. Theresa's) and Aurora Diaz-Wilson (St. Scholastica's) for tickets and information. Graduates of IS, St. Paul's, UP, Xavier, UST, San Beda and Letran may call 671-5743.

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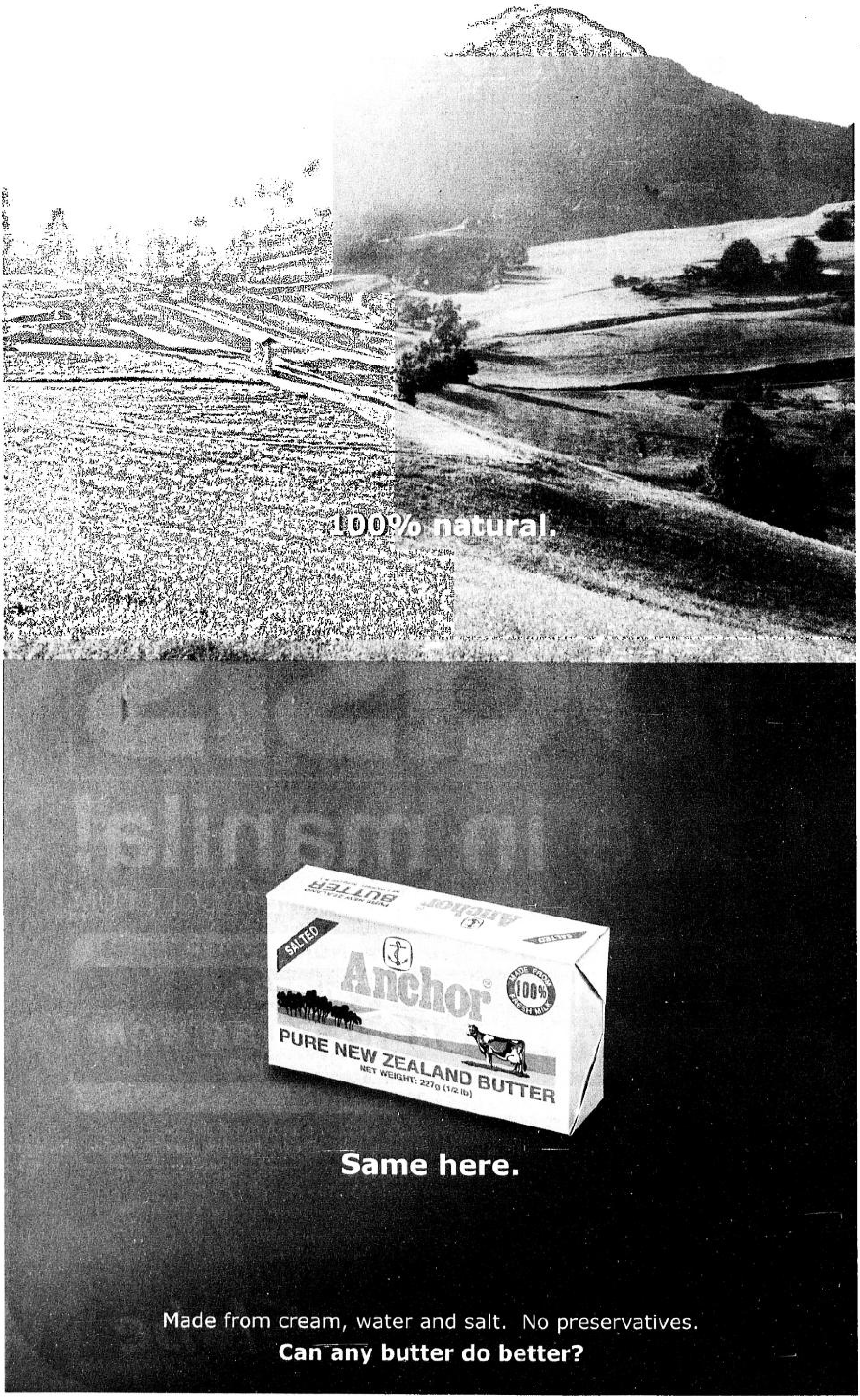
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A PARTY that begins at midnight and ends at sunrise is called a "chill-out." Playing in such a party is the newest "pied piper" of the music scene, **Anton Ramos**, scion of the National Book Store owner. He usually spins unique CDs in fluid, catchy sounds that never disrupt conversation and dance.

Ramos played last month at Mati's in Power Plant Mall in Rockwell during a party sponsored by Smart. **Sarah Meier** hosted the event. **Ruffa Gutierrez** came with her usual retinue. An eclectic crowd jived with the electronic music. CNN cameraman **Andrew Clark**, and Discovery Channel director **Chris Jones** and producer **David Chin** enjoyed the night and admired the chic crowd. Chris and David returned to Manila this month to film a travel documentary on the Philippines with **Jamie Atidya** as host. We heard that **Claudine Trillo** is in the running for the coveted job to co-host the event. The "Synch and Swim" Philippines episode will have a global viewership of 200 million homes.

Seen until the wee hours of the morn were: **Jenny Lopez Psinakis, Peachy Veneracion, Gerard Fabie, Vicky Perez de Tagle, Karen Borja, Maurice Arcache, Jennifer Serrano, Louis Chuidian, Ed Fiest, Karen Santos, Mia Borromeo, Jacque du Pasquier**, and a lot more chillers.

ANTON Ramos (seated) with Philip Cu-Unjieng

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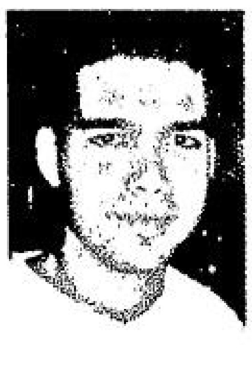

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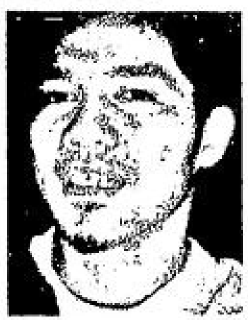

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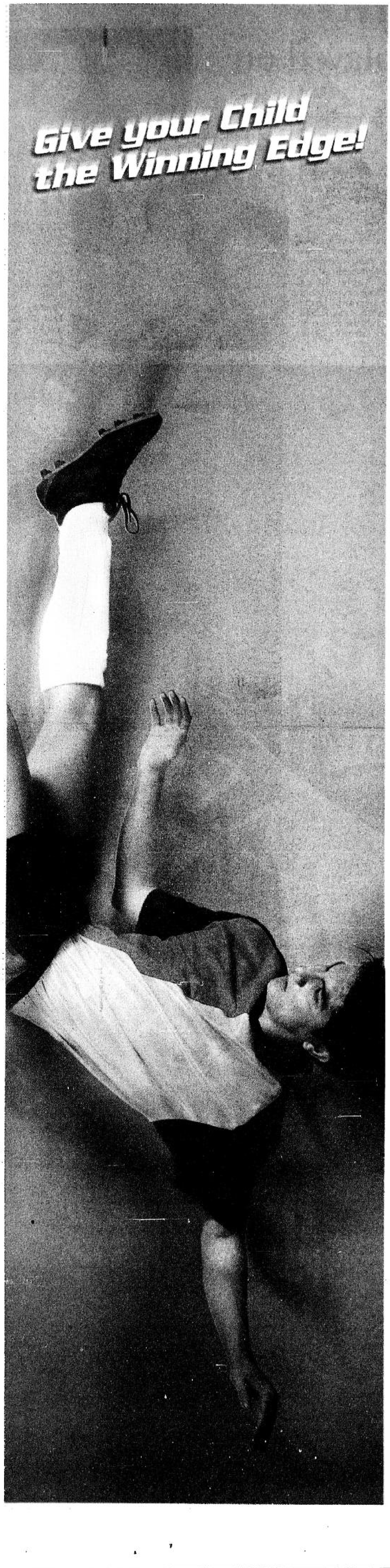

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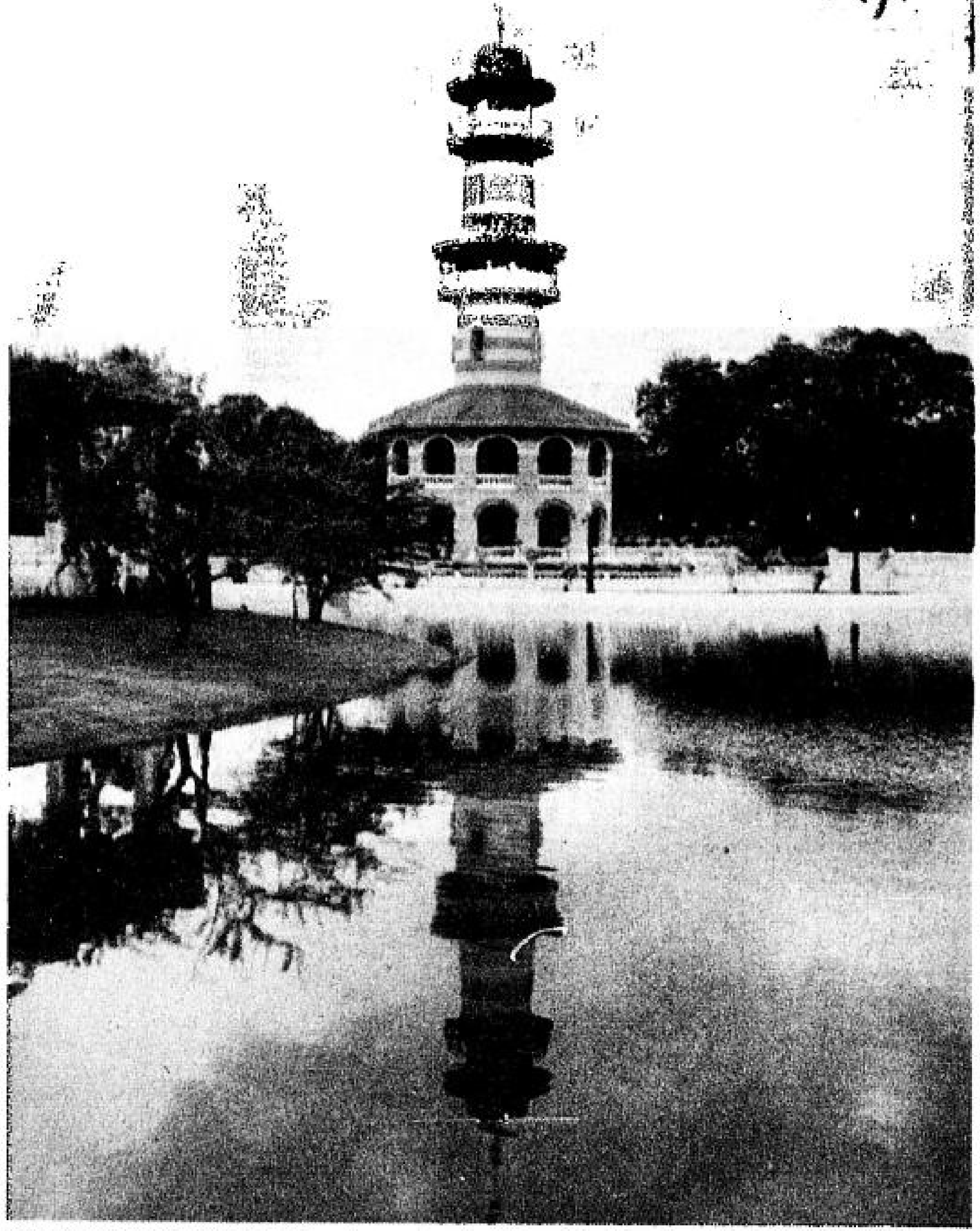

THE SAGES LOOKOUT. The observatory built by Chulalongkorn in 1881 as a lookout tower for viewing the surrounding countryside, Ayutthaya

Modern Thailand won't need a teacher like Anna

**Text and photos
by Rowena C. Burgos**

THERE is more visible historical evidence of Thailand's past eras compared to some other countries. So if you're interested in ruins, temples and deserted cities, this is the place to go.

For a magical vacation, Thailand's islands and beaches are almost working definitions of heaven. As for urban delights, the huge metropolis of Bangkok, although it can be alarming with its chaos and scale, charms visitors with its energy and cultural treasures that you can easily forgive the city for its steamy diesel mixture that passes for air.

Thailand is tourist-friendly with efficient transport, cheap accommodation and delicious cuisine. The Thais are renowned for their friendliness and hospitality to strangers. Although they're often depicted as fun-loving, happy-go-lucky folk, they are also very strong-minded and have struggled for centuries to preserve their independent spirit.

Compared to Disneyland, where you are continually accosted by overly friendly people wearing Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck costumes while waiting in hour-long queues to go on vomit-inducing rides, Thailand is very inexpensive.

What's more, places like Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Ayutthaya have enough zoos, amusement parks, sports facilities and go-kart tracks, to keep the most hyperactive child, and even older kids, amused and entertained.

Mighty entertainers

Since Thailand's timber industry has been in decline, it is no longer unusual to see elephants in the cities as their owners try to make a living. Alongside growling motorcycles and three-wheeled *tuk-tuks* can be seen a gray mass larger than a Land Rover. A huge elephant with the *mahout* perched on its neck patiently waits for a green light on a busy street alongside motor vehicles.

GARDEN of the Secured Land of the Bang Pa-In Palace in Ayutthaya

But the mighty creatures have long been inextricably connected to Thai people in different ways: a traditional symbol of monarchy, an essential part of Buddhist art and architecture, and a trusted mount in a full-scale battle.

However, elephants have another role commonly known among Thai people. An entertainer! Elephants are quite entertaining and love to be the center of attention.

There are several camps in Thailand where tourists can see elephant shows such as Maesa Elephant Camp in Chiang Mai, the largest in the country with 75 elephants, including eight babies. The shows include demonstrations of strength and versatility, with the elephant pulling logs, engaged in a tug-of-war, dancing and painting.

Those who are restless and cannot sit still can volunteer to be among the objects an elephant will pick up with its trunk. If that isn't thrilling enough, they can lie on the ground and let the elephant cross over. Often the mischievous elephant would give a volunteer a "massage" by using its huge front leg to tap slightly the lying person's body.

A more adventurous feat would be to go for a ride. Visitors can enjoy elephant rides on various trekking expeditions, seated on a wooden chair, fastened to the back of a 3-m high elephant might.

To prepare for this experience, imagine riding on the roof of a huge bus with the tires alternately—one at a time—getting deflated and inflated along a bumpy terrain. The rider is sure to enjoy the journey that is full of lefts, rights, ups and downs!

Visitors can immerse themselves in the culturally rich trip by learning about the lifestyle of elephants. The course covers training on how to care for the lovable creatures, including feeding and bathing.

Founded in 1296, Chiang Mai is Thailand's second largest city and the gateway to the country's north.

Modern Chiang Mai is also traveler-friendly. It's well known for its restaurants and good guesthouses. Compared to Bangkok, Chiang Mai's evenings are cooler and more conducive to moseying about the central night bazaar. To get value for money, bargain patiently but mercilessly; nothing less is expected of you.

When you're sick of honing your free-market warrior skills, Chiang Mai is a good base for mountain treks. Just about every guesthouse advertises treks to visit the hill tribes that live in the surrounding areas.

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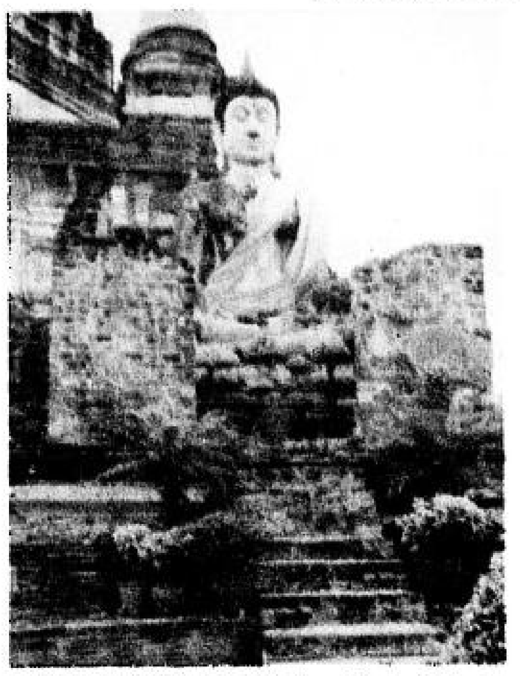
THE DIVINE Seat of Personal Freedom, a pavilion that houses a bronze statue of Chulalongkorn in Ayutthaya

THE GREAT Temple of Auspicious Victory in Ayutthaya, the seat of the Buddhist patriarchs and monks of the Forest Tradition, which was noted for the practices of meditation and insight



THE GREAT Temple of Auspicious Victory was built by King Naresuan the Great in 1593 to celebrate his victory over the Burmese Crown Prince.

GOLDEN Palace of the God King in Ayutthaya, a small stone structure built by King Chulalongkorn in 1880 and dedicated to King Prasat Thong of Ayutthaya

TRAINER Choawalit Saejern with elephant Wanpen

Modern Thailand won't need a teacher . . .

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World Heritage Site

Ayutthaya's temples and ruins have been declared a World Heritage Site. The list includes the 14th-century Wat Phra Si Sanphet (*wat* is Thai for "temple-monastery"), the largest in Ayutthaya in its time, once containing a 16-m standing Buddha covered in 250 kg of gold. Unfortunately the Burmese conquerors melted it down.

The 16th-century, fortress-like Wat Phra Meru escaped destruction in 1767 and boasts of an impressive carved wooden ceiling, a splendid Ayutthaya-era 6-m-high crowned sitting Buddha, and a 1,300-year-old green-stone Buddha from Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), posed European-style in a chair.

Wat Phra Chao Choeng was built in the early 14th century, possibly by Khmers (Cambodians), before Ayutthaya became the Siamese capital (Siam is the old name of Thailand). It contains a highly revered 19-m Buddha image, from which the *wat* derives its name.

Ayutthaya was the Thai capital in 1350, and 33 kings of various Siamese dynasties reigned there until the city was conquered by the Burmese in 1767. The old capital was, by all accounts, a splendid city, courted by Dutch, Portuguese, French, English, Chinese and Japanese merchants.

By the end of the 17th century, Ayutthaya's population had reached one million, and virtually all visiting foreigners proclaimed it to be the most illustrious city they had ever seen.

Amazing Bangkok

Bangkok has dominated Thailand's urban hierarchy, as well as its political, commercial and cultural life, since the late 18th century.

Bangkok proper is east of one of Thailand's major rivers, the Chao Phraya. Old Bangkok glitters in a section between the river and the railway, and it is here where most of the older temples and the original palace are located.

The new Bangkok is east of the railway, covering an area many times bigger than the old city. It incorporates the main commercial and tourist districts, which give way to a vast residential sprawl.

For a city of its size, Bangkok is surprisingly full of quiet escapes. You can avoid the street noise by stepping into the calm of one of the city's 400 *wats* or taking a river taxi on the Chao Phraya.

Entertainment ranges from classical dance to Thai boxing. For alternative night entertainment, check out the night markets in Pratunam, Chatuchak and Patpong.

Bangkok is a great place to shop if you don't overdose on T-shirts and fake designer clothing. You can stock up on cheap clothes to wear during your stay in the city or get smarter clothes for your wardrobe at home.

With all the history and culture Thailand has to offer, many families find the country a physically and mentally stimulating place to visit.

If travel is the best teacher, then Thailand is an enormous classroom with many important lessons to impart. A melting pot of Thai, Chinese and Indian cultures, it is where children can start to appreciate at an early age the rich possibilities life has to offer—unless, of course, you prefer them to suffer from premature brain damage through overexposure to computer games and cartoons, and to grow up to become racist, narrow-minded bigots.

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When being FAT is NO LONGER cute

By Jose Rodolfo V. Dimaano, Jr. MD

Fats are important molecules in our body. They are essential components of our anatomy – from our cell membranes all the way to the cushion in our buttocks. They are vital to our children's brain development and it is in fats that vitamins A, D, E and K are dissolved. Fats are also our energy depot. We get a lot of energy from our fat reserves, energy we need to go about our activities of daily living. And the list goes on. Fat is not the bad guy. As in many things in life, moderation is the key – the middle way. Just enough fat is ok. When it becomes a little too much, then it becomes a problem and that's when we start the battle of the bulge.

Being fat has been called different names and seen in different guises. Some call it the state of being overweight, others would call it obesity. Still others think it's cute and some may view it as a status symbol – a state of wealth and abundance.

At face value, obesity seems to be just a cosmetic problem – a vanity issue so to speak. But there's more than meets the eye. The cosmetic problem is just the tip of the iceberg. Obesity kills and obesity isn't cute. It is associated with several health problems. Take a look at this list:

Osteoarthritis
Breathlessness
Endocrine problems
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These are just a few of the health issues an obese person may have to face. But these are the most important. Let us discuss them one by one.

Osteoarthritis is what we often call *rayuma*. But this form of arthritis is usually a result of increased trauma to our joints due to excessive weight bearing.

Fat accumulation in the air passages going to the lungs can cause episodes of **breathlessness** and difficulty in breathing.

Endocrine problems pertain to hormonal imbalances in the body. Hormones play a major role in the regulation and metabolism of fat. These conditions can either be the causes or the consequences of obesity. One of the most affected hormones is insulin which gives rise to the condition called diabetes. There is increased insulin resistance and hence blood sugar is not readily used by the body.

Stroke results from the lack of blood flow to the brain. This in turn may be due to the hardening of blood vessels caused by abnormal fat deposits in the vessel wall.

The amount of **cholesterol** formed by the body each day increases as we accumulate more fat. Cholesterol stones are likely to form in the gall bladder and can cause disease. Cholesterol also contributes to cardiovascular risks like **hypertension, heart attack** and **stroke.**

There are certain **tumors** and **cancers** associated with obesity. Examples of these are uterine and breast cancer in women and prostate cancer in men. Colorectal cancer (cancer of the large intestine) is also related to the degree of obesity.

These are just a few of the possible consequences of obesity. There are psychological effects as well that add insult to injury. Depression, low self-esteem and social pressure all contribute to a poor quality of life. But it shouldn't be this way. And it is not yet too late. Losing weight can be done and here's a simple advice. Follow the 10-20-30 weight management program.

10 **Ten minutes at your doctor's clinic.** It is important for you to consult your doctor first so he can evaluate your over-all health status before starting in a weight loss program.

20 **Eat twenty percent less** of what you are currently eating. Cut down on sweets, oils and carbohydrates. But remember that you still have to eat a balanced diet.

30 **Thirty minutes of exercise and physical activity.** Enroll in a gym where you can do some cardiovascular exercises. Walk instead of taking the escalator. Seize every opportunity you can to move those muscles.

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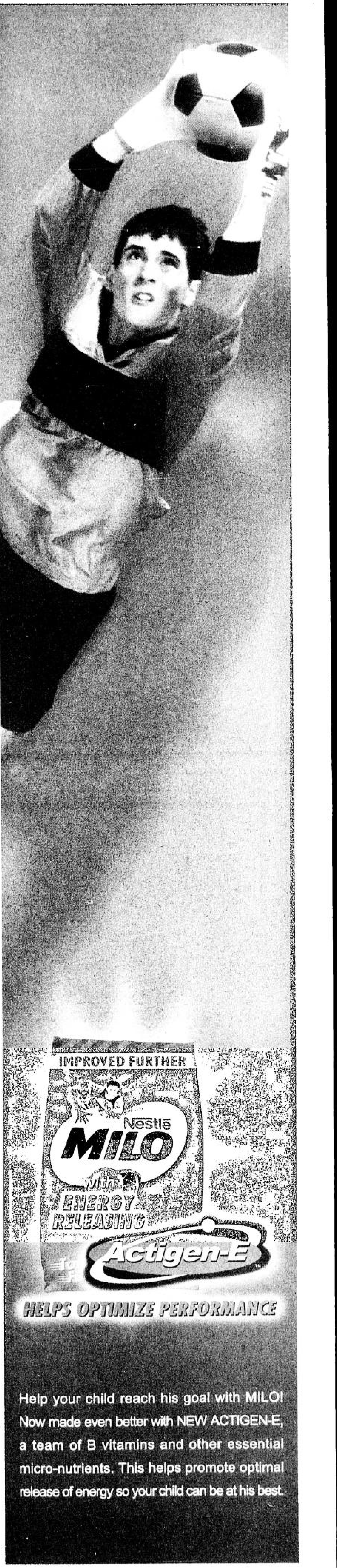

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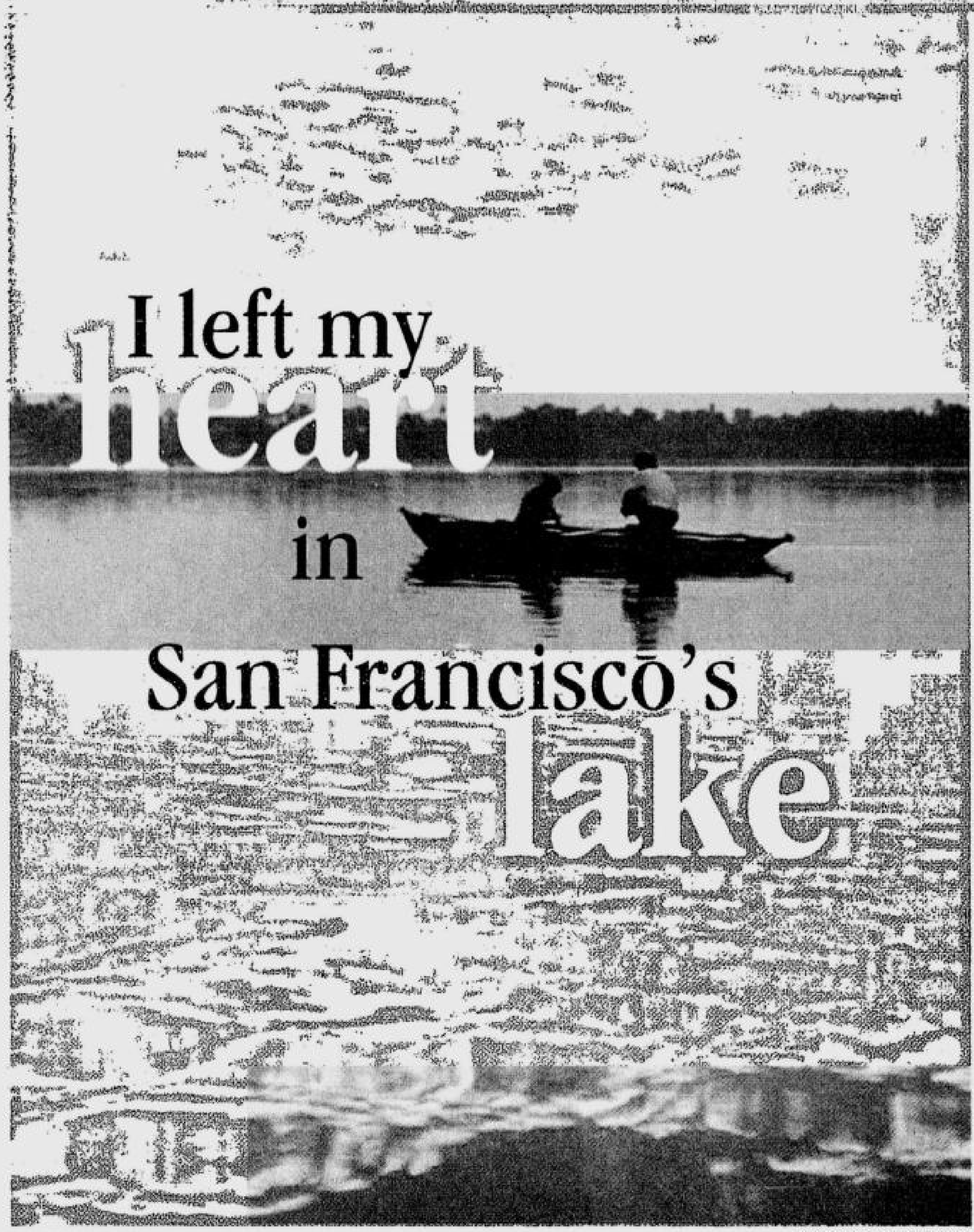
TRAVEL

Editor **Rosario A. Garcellano**

I left my heart in San Francisco's lake



EARLY-MORNING scene: father and son fishing

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By Joselito R. Costas
Contributor

WE left for Lake Danao even before Poro's roosters could crow.

A project had brought me to the Camotes Islands, and Jun Olofernes, our guide for the next two days, picked us up early. From Poro, we drove over a two-kilometer concrete land bridge with a mangrove forest on both sides, passing the sleepy town of San Francisco on the way to the village of Union, where we had planned to shoot the sunrise and take a blitzkrieg boat ride on the lake.

Lying 18 nautical miles northeast of Cebu City, San Francisco belongs to Pacijan Island, one of the three major islands comprising the Camotes group, and the largest and most populous of the three (the other two being Poro and Ponson). It holds a plethora of natural wonders that, surprisingly, are unseen and unheard of by many people to this day—stretches of blinding white beaches, a beautiful satellite islet, and a lazy lake, arguably one of the pristine lakes left in the country.

Lake Danao was all quiet and misty. We hastily set up our equipment on a creaky bamboo catwalk, anticipating a beautiful sunrise ahead. The pitch-black eastern sky had turned into a grayish slate, like a screen of a black-and-white movie slowly coming to life. Beyond the horizon, Timubo appeared foreboding, a faint ghostly gray mound rising from the foggy tree lines below. And on the lake's surface, the mist hovered a few inches over the flat waters—very still, unruffled by the merest suggestion of a breeze. Everything seemed lifeless, yet alive.

The lake isn't what you call wild. But it is fairly large (640 hectares of fresh water) and undisturbed (home to the rare purple heron and the endangered Philippine duck), and there are places in it that, to first-time visitors at least, appear remote. It nourishes six lakeshore villages; its axis runs from north to south and measures seven kilometers long and two kilometers wide.

We went to work, mindful of the early-morning stirrings. A kingfisher darted, perched, made a call, darted back, and came to rest on a branch of a huge tree by the lake bank. A faint southerly breeze blew in, rustling the leaves. The distant sound of what seemed to be a motorcycle made its way across the lake.

LAKE house and boat owned by the municipal government of San Francisco

By the time we finished with landscape shots the fog had dissipated and had turned the lake into a wide, endless sea. All at once a postcard-perfect moment presented itself. Across the lake, a canoe was silhouetted against the plateau of Timubo and the tinted horizon above it, the images reflected on the quiet waters. We excitedly hopped into the boat and went for the shot. Up close were a father and son fishing, oblivious to the camera and our incursion.

Residents around Lake Danao catch tilapia for food and as a source of income. On Sundays, the lake becomes a "farm-to-market" waterway when residents load their bancas with products for sale at the town's once-a-week bazaar—fresh fish, nipa shingles, root crops and bags and mats woven from the *soli-soli*, a perennial grass growing along the banks, and which island residents revere in a street-dancing festival every year.

Suddenly, Jun pointed at something and motioned us to look. About 10 meters from the boat (I could barely see it through the thin haze), was a duck, smaller than the aver-

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Get away from the daily grind

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

THEME parks, they're called, and they offer a getaway from the daily grind.

You somewhat expect to see dancing water fountains, fat carp cutting graceful curves in a fish pond, couples snuggling on benches, mazes and topiaries, families unrolling a mat on freshly cut grass and picnicking under a cooperative sky (neither too sunny nor threateningly cloudy).

Let's say a place that is a cross between Enchanted Kingdom in Laguna and the park central to the movie "Notting Hill."

But what Robinsons Recreation Corp. has built are "dream centers" inside its malls in Quezon City, Manila, Cavite and Pampanga. The very first was Dreamscape, which opened in 1997, on the fourth floor of the Galleria on Edsa and Ortigas Avenue.

While competing malls have concessionaires who operate their amusement centers, "we decided to complement the tenant mix by having a one-stop shop for the whole family," said marketing director Dollie J. Bufi. "We (also) offer shopping, dining, cinema and recreation."

The centers feature coin-operated kiddie rides, thrill rides, video and redemption games, air hockey, shoot-the-ball baskets, the Ball Swim where toddlers and children up to age five are allowed "soft play," food outlets serving fair and carnival eats (ice cream, candies, brownies, burgers and peanuts), and in some, private cubicles for videoke and mini bowling lanes.

In short, a getaway and then some.

Operations director Andy Arevalo supervises technical people who ensure and maintain the safety of the rides. "If a ride needs checking, we close it even if it means lost revenue," he said. "We do daily maintenance as early as 6 a.m. or four hours before the mall opens at 10."

The noise level is tolerable, Bufi said, adding: "You can still converse, unlike in other similar centers where you can hardly hear what your companion is saying."

Furthermore, she said, her company would like to capitalize on the indoor advantage. "If you go on an outdoor field trip and it suddenly rains, *sayang*. Here it's air-conditioned, even carpeted. At Dreamtown in Ermita, Manila, we can accommodate 4,000 students comfortably."

"The queues are well-distributed," Arevalo added. On weekends, the walk-in traffic can go as high as 4,000 children and adults combined. On weekdays, the volume of people fluctuates between 1,000 and 2,000.

Dreamscape offers a ride-all-you-can ticket for P250, but children are subject to a height restriction. For P40 a ticket, one can hop onto the roller coaster, get two cycles and thrill to abrupt drops of eight meters. It is the only indoor gravity coaster; others are motor-driven.

There is also a Kiddie Dream Day Ticket worth P150 that entitles the bearer to all the kiddie rides.

"But we are not a day care center," Bufi pointed out. "Parents or guardians still have to take care of the children. Don't leave them with us so you can go shopping. Our roving guards and supervisors do not allow a kid to exit the park alone."

Dreamscape also has a stage fully equipped with light and sound facilities. It is the site of storytelling sessions on Sundays at 3 p.m. (Past sessions featured celebrities Nanette Inventor, Mandy Ochoa, Ruby Rodriguez and Chat Silayan.)

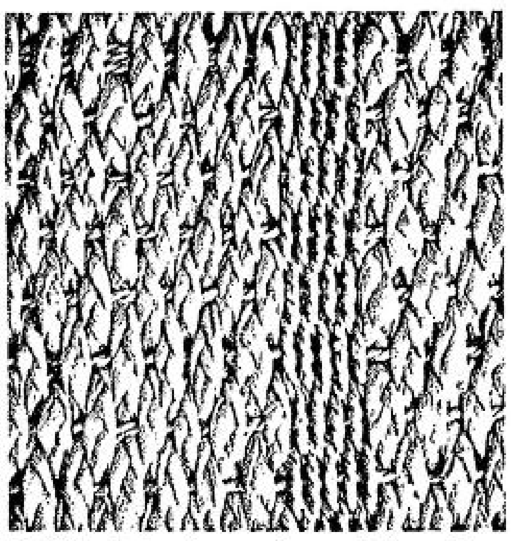
The centers can also be rented out for birthday, anniversary or Christmas parties. "Actors, actresses, basketball players—they come and are treated like any other customer," Bufi said. "They feel comfortable because they are not mobbed by fans."

Bufi and Arevalo recommended visits to the recently opened Star Mills in San Fernando, Pampanga, which is being positioned as "the most beautiful mall in the Philippines, aesthetics-wise."

From the North Luzon Tollway, the mall is easily noticeable. "Its colors are orange and yellow, with a leaf and triangle motif on the exterior," Arevalo said.

Still, wouldn't it be more wonderful if, apart from the thousands of square meters allotted to parking lots and amusement centers, more outdoor promenades are built as well? This remains a getaway dream—mall magnates rehabilitating, say, Balara in Quezon City.

SOMETIMES a dream trip only means getting off the ground.



DETAIL of a handwoven bag made from the lake grass "soli-soli"

I left my heart. . .

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age size, gliding silently, breaking the surface with ripples. It had a long neck and pale gray feathers.

The endangered Philippine duck, I learned later, calls the lake home (like the purple heron, another waterfowl species with a distinctive snake-like neck and plumage that provides excellent camouflage among the reeds). Later that day, I also saw how a Brahminy kite caught a fish by swooping down on it and sticking one talon into the water.

The lake harbors such a remarkable variety of avifaunal species that the government declared it a Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary in 1965. Today, it is one of the more than 190 national parks, watersheds, bird sanctuaries and game and wildlife refuges in the country. A municipal ordinance bans bird hunting around it.

We were on our last roll of film when the sun came out. We sailed a bit toward the middle of the lake to get a better shot of its islet.

This tuft of vegetation, I was told, is part of an often-told legend that has linked generations together. It is said that Daan Lungsod (old town) has lain submerged for hundreds of years after heavy rains inundated it. But on a clear day, fishermen swear, they can see house roofs and posts and what appears to be a street underwater.

What other secrets does this lake hold? I had this question in mind when the photographer called for a break. I passed around mugs, a thermos bottle, a canister of brown sugar and instant coffee. As the boat drifted across the lake we sipped coffee, caught in childlike awe by the Monday-morning vista around us.

How to get there:

From the port of Cebu City (Pier 1), take an Oceanjet fast craft to Poro (departs 6 a.m. daily, P300 one-way fare), or a Don Martin ferry boat (departs 12 midnight, P150 up).

In Poro, hire a cab (P250) or a habal-habal motorcycle (P60) to take you to the village of Union. Arrangements may be made through the mayor's office for the use of the floating house.

For accommodations, there are homes on the island that take in visitors, and a beach resort (St. James Resort in Santiago, P600 up for an overnight stay).

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GROWING NEEDS

To better understand this crucial stage, here are some facts about your child's development.

- A growing child's metabolism runs much faster than that of an adult.
- His body generates large amounts of energy which is used up just as quickly throughout the day.
- If you notice that your child gets tired easily or becomes too sluggish in the afternoon, it's a sure sign that he's not getting enough energy-rich food in his diet.
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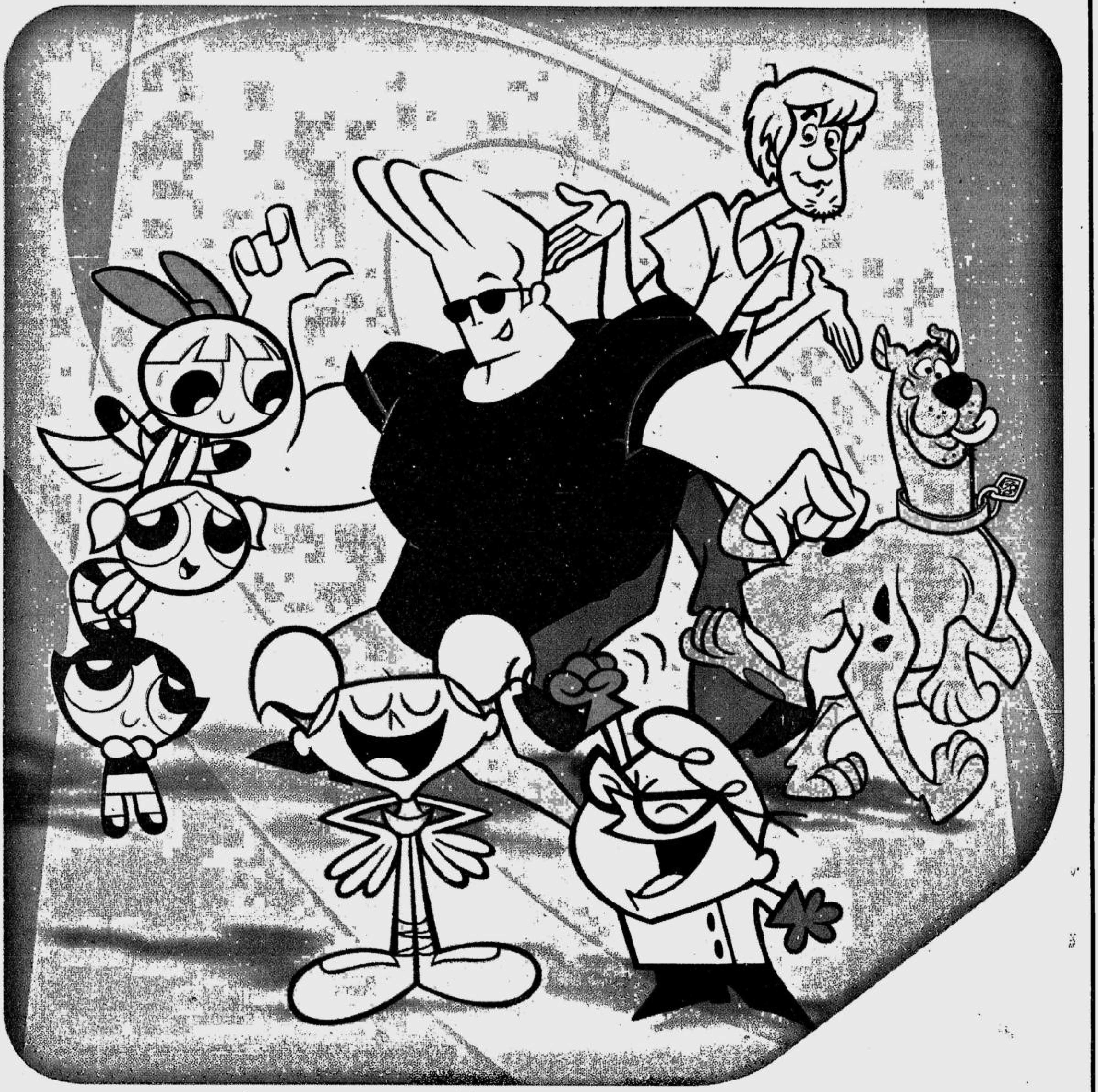

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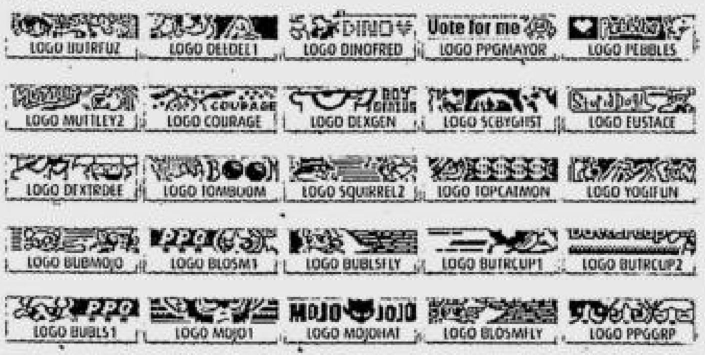
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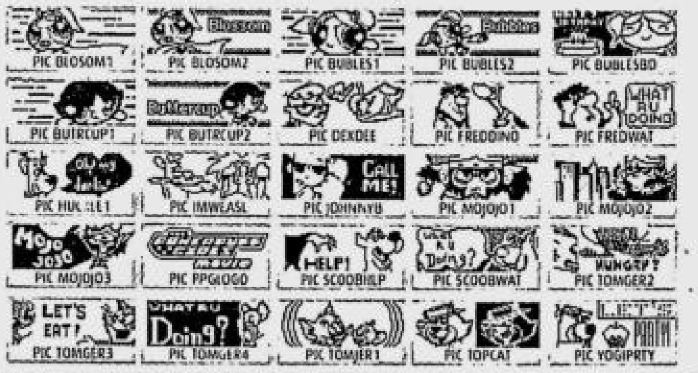
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ON THE DAY of the final game between Ateneo and La Salle, Café Bola at the Araneta Coliseum was hot and crowded. Its bright-red tables were occupied by every size and shape in green or blue.

By noontime, eyes were focused on a table close to the entrance, occupied by James Yeo and Mac Cardona of DLSU, wolfing down their second plate of pasta. A few moments earlier, the two young men had gamely posed for photographs with an Ateneo coed dressed in aqua.

Outside, the lines at the box office continued to swell with students and alumni from both schools hoping against hope to purchase tickets that would allow them to enter the Big Dome. A few days earlier, the lines had stretched all the way to Edsa.

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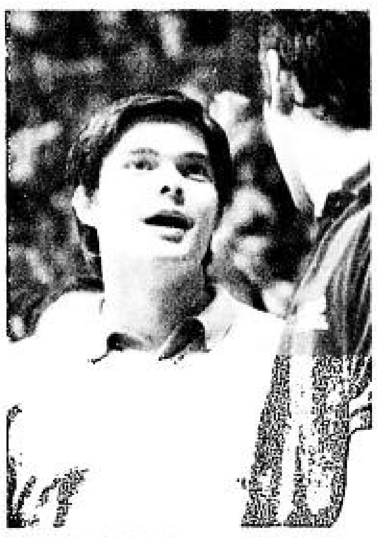

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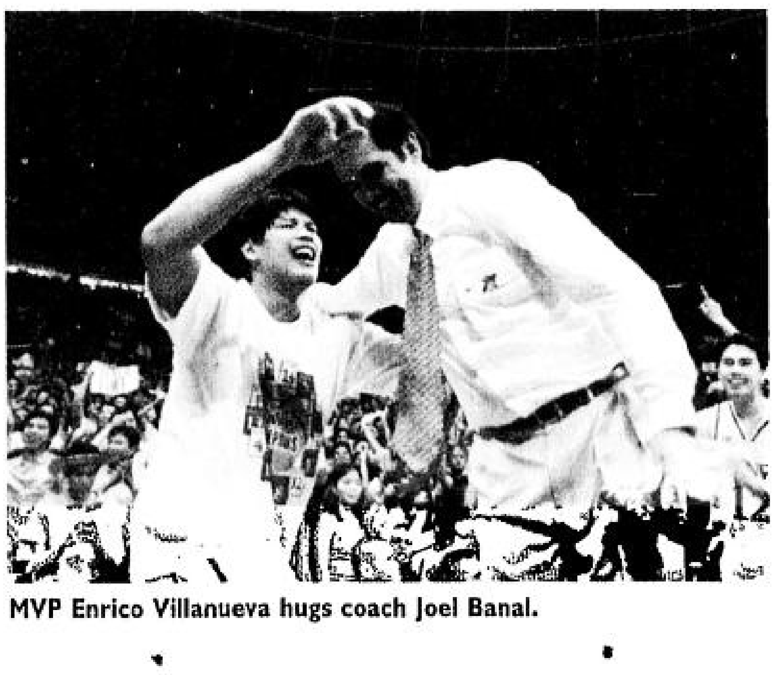

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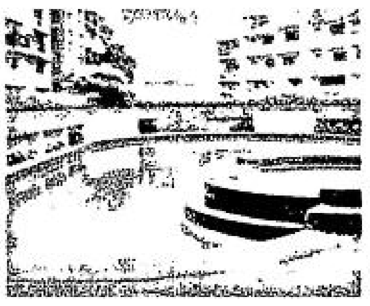

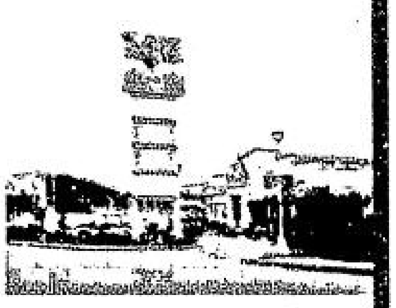

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Should she tell her daughter about the identity of her father?

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I got pregnant when I was 17. Gerry and I got married when I was 6 months on the way, but it was voided when the civil registrar found out that I was underage.

Gerry was very supportive at first, but he visited me less frequently after our baby was born. When a whole year had passed without him visiting us even on special occasions, I broke up with him. He cried, and said he was only busy with his studies. I could not accept that. He and his family never supported us financially, and all I asked was some time with him.

I never saw him after that. The love I had for him turned to hatred and disgust.

I have a boyfriend, with whom I've been going steady for three years now, who understands my situation and loves my daughter and me. We plan to marry three years from now.

My daughter, who is now 6, recently asked me who her father was. I did not know what to say, so I told her she had none. I guess she accepted that. She has seen that many of my friends have children without dads, too. And my father and the men in my family, as well as my boyfriend and my sister's, have been father figures to her.

But I know she'll ask me again, and I'm not sure what to tell her. Gerry does not deserve to be known by her as he had neglected her. She just might get angry with him and feel sorry for herself. I don't want her to get hurt. What should I do?

MIRA

Tell her the truth. At the very least, tell her her father's name. That should save her from a lot of embarrassment. Many grade schools, for instance, ask the students to present their family tree. How then would your daughter name her father if she still believes that she doesn't have one? And how embarrassed would she be when her teacher explains that every child has a mother and a father?

It follows, of course, that after you gave her Gerry's name, you'd also have to explain why he's not around. For a way out of that, you could do what many other mothers did: lie and say Gerry died a long time ago. That might save you for now, but it undermines your credibility to your daughter.

It would be better, I believe, to simply tell her the whole story. What she learns might hurt her, but I'm sure it would hurt her a lot less if she learns it from you than from someone else.

The worst pain she'd feel is the one that she might inflict upon herself: to conclude that Gerry left because she was not good enough a child to make a father stay. So, make it very clear to her that what happened was not her fault—Gerry left because you did not get along with him.

Remember also that how your daughter would feel toward Gerry would depend much on you. If you paint Gerry as a monster, then she would likely grow up hating him and wondering about her worth being a daughter of such a person. It would be better, I think, to cite the simple truth: that Gerry was a nice man, but was too young and unprepared to be a parent.

And I would not worry that your daughter would feel sorry for being neglected by her father. If your daughter had been well cared, then she probably would not have any idea of parental neglect at all. What she might conclude, instead, that having no father around has not been too bad at all—and she has you and your very supportive family to thank for that.

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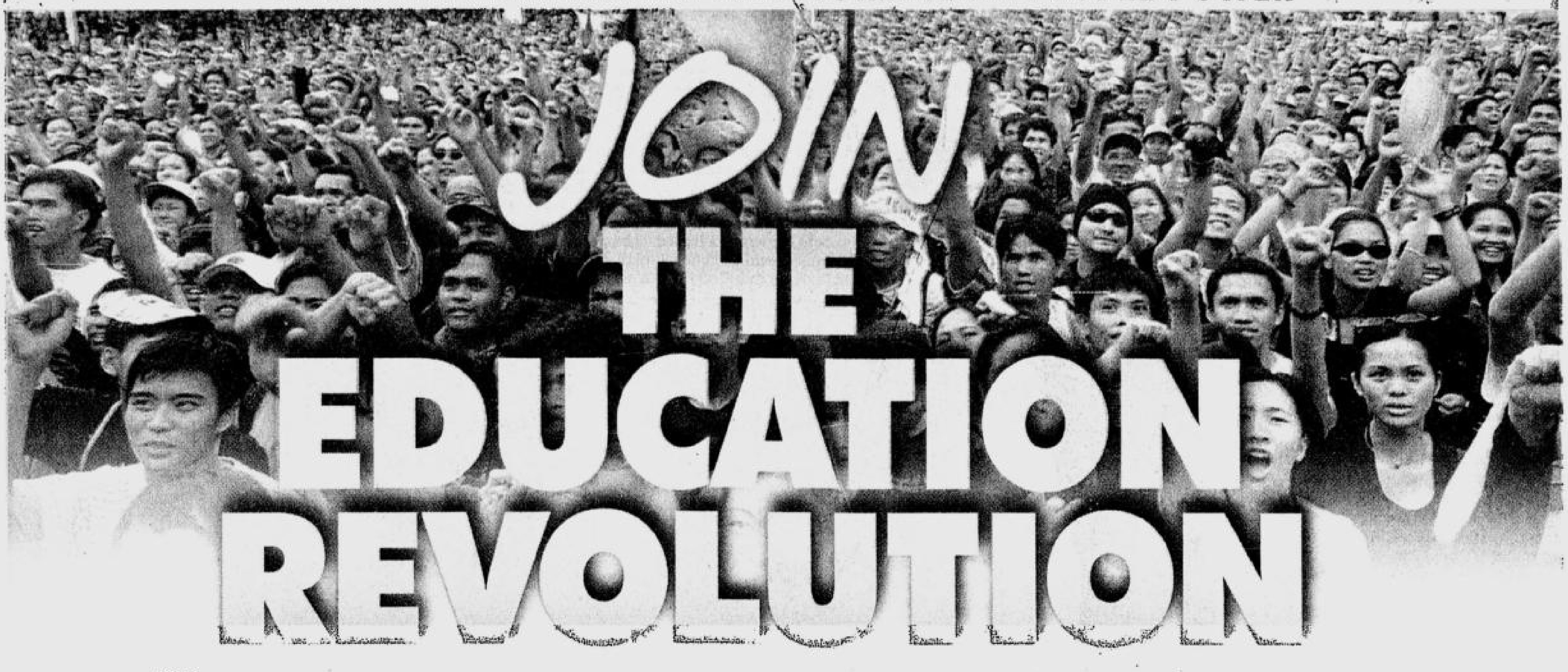
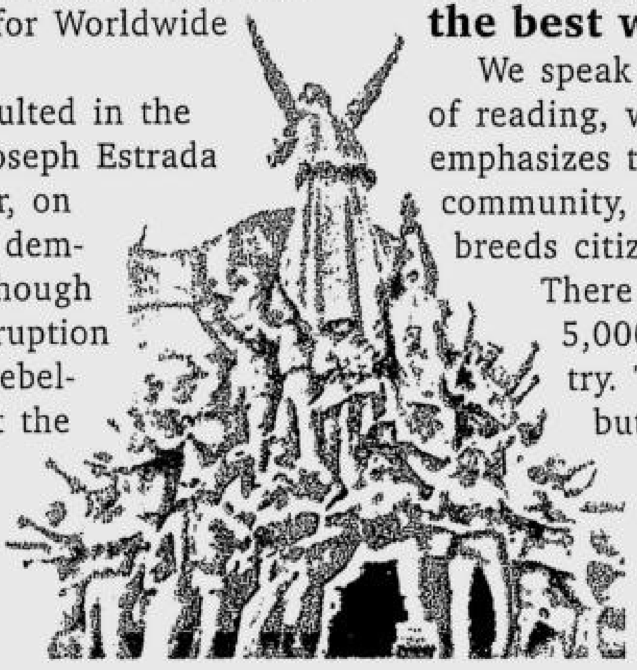


JOIN THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Ten years after EDSA I, seven people-who-care got together to try to make sure that 1986 People Power would not be forgotten. They felt strongly that People Power was a unique Philippine experience the country could be proud of – especially in the definition: People Power is a non-violent movement for a moral purpose. Thus was born the Foundation for Worldwide People Power Inc (FWWPP).

In January 2001 EDSA II resulted in the impeachment and removal of Joseph Estrada as President. Three months later, on May 1, there followed a violent demonstration by his followers. Although billed as EDSA III, it was a corruption of People Power. However, this rebellion sent a strong message: that the plight of the poor of the Philippines needs to be addressed.



One and a half years into the Macapagal-Arroyo government, the problems of the poor remain despite the administration's well-meaning efforts. The FWWPP now feels that the nation urgently needs a new call for People Power. This time, the call is away from politics ... and in the direction of **education**.

The FWWPP is convinced (as our National Hero Jose Rizal himself said) that **education is the best weapon against poverty.**

We speak of education beyond the basic skills of reading, writing and 'rithmetic; education that emphasizes the value of love and concern for family, community, country; education that empowers and breeds citizens of purpose and vision.

There are 35,000 public elementary schools and 5,000 public high schools throughout the country. The government allocates money for them, but not enough to make them as effective as they should be.

This is where Civil Society can – and should – come in. The public school system needs Civil Society to see the sad state it is in, and to act. **Immediately.**

HOW TO ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Let us start by addressing the basic needs of the elementary public school system. There must be an elementary public school in our immediate neighborhood.

Let us visit the school, meet with the principal and the teachers, find out their needs, talk with the parent-teacher community association and other community leaders, plan ways of helping the school.

Let us use People Power to move local officials to pay attention to the school.

Let us get local residents and business to support a school feeding program, or to donate additional textbooks and school supplies, or to boost the shelves in the school library.

If local help is not available, let us write our governor, our congressperson, our senators. They are our servants, and our children's.

In short, let us, caring Filipinos, adopt a public elementary school.

The FWWPP's doors are open if you need to consult with us. We offer our facilities to be the clearinghouse for all education-oriented activities.

Education is a slow process, but we must double our efforts so that the nation will feel the change soonest. For the sake of our children, we must fast track nothing less than a revolution in education.

For this kind of revolution, we need People Power. But we need not march to EDSA. Let us march instead to our nearest public school.

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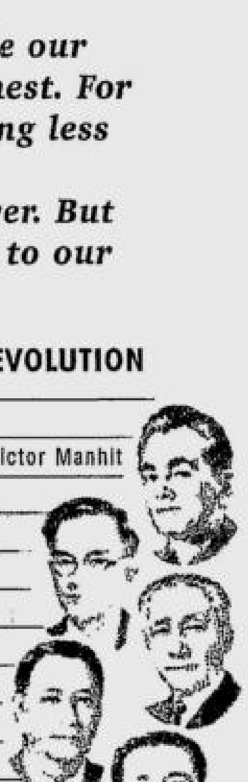

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MENTORING THE MENTORS PROGRAM

Mentoring the Mentors Program – conceptualized and developed jointly by the Marie Eugenie Foundation through **Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino** and the UP College of Education through **Dr. Celia Adriano** and **Dr. Evelyn Mijiliano**. *Mentoring the Mentors* is a comprehensive Teacher Training Program that aims to empower teachers as Agents of Change by developing their mentoring skills and opening them to the concept of Education for Social Transformation. A key area of this program is the integration aspect. This is why it is conducted on-site, so that both the program facilitator and the participants fully appreciate the teaching and learning conditions unique to the participants' school. This program's target clientele are Teacher Educational Institutions (TEI) who are involved in educating future teachers and in-service teachers.

This project is ready to be fielded by the FWWPP under the chairmanship of Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino.

PROGRAM CONTENT & DESIGN

A typical training session covers the following:
1.1. Mission and Vision of Education
1.2. The Role of the Educator
1.3. Teaching Skills & Methodologies
1.4. The Social Optic – a value formation module that reinforces the "ATIN" Mentality as against the "AKIN" Mentality
1.5. Making a Difference in Society through Leadership for Service – a leadership that can envision, energize, enable and empower.

METHODOLOGIES AND DYNAMICS

This program employs both inspirational and practical activities that will engage the whole person of the teachers such as team building exercises and networking exchanges.

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	**Specifications**	**Cost Estimate**
☐ School Library (structure only)	84 sq.m.	P500,000
☐ Science / Computer Lab	7 m x 12 m	P480,000
☐ Single story bldg with toilet	7 m x 9 m classroom with 1m x 1.5m toilet	P367,000/room x no. of rooms
☐ Two-story bldg	-same as above -	P500,000/room x no. of rooms
☐ Repair and rehabilita tion of building		P40,000/classroom
CLASSROOM /STUDENT SUPPORT PROJECTS	**Description**	**Cost Estimate**
☐ Classroom Learning Kit (50 kits / class)	1 bag, 8 textbooks, 8 notebooks, 3 writing pads, 1 set crayons, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 pencil case	P60,000/class
☐ Provision of textbooks for an entire class	8 textbooks/ student @ P75/ textbook	P30,000/class
☐ School Feeding Program	120 feeding days at P10 per child	P60,000
☐ **MENTORING THE MENTORS** for 20 teachers	5-day on-site Teacher Training	P100,000

Adopt a school to solve RP education crisis

From page A1

Why?

Because those teachers will go back to their schools, only to find themselves different from the other teachers there, and therefore unable to integrate and become effective in improving the school.

The consensus then emerged that a better step would be to adopt the whole school. This way, the teacher would not be isolated from his or her particular circumstances.

Adopt a school? Someone recalled that in 1998, Congress had passed a law legalizing such a program. Sure enough, research yielded information on that law. The bill had been initiated in the Lower House in 1997 by a youth representative named Anna Periquet, introduced in the Senate the following year by Sen. Juan Flavier, and sponsored by the late Senate President Marcelo Fernan.

The law mainly encourages big donors to help schools, and in the process, derive tax benefits. It says nothing about the involvement of grassroots or community organizers, which the FWWPP would rather encourage as adopting entities so as to prevent partisan politics from using the project as a tool for their own ends.

Efficient groupings

The key is transparency. The adopting group must be able to work harmoniously together. Barangay officials, parent-teacher associations, and civic or religious groups like Couples for Christ and parish councils would make for efficient groupings.

The adopting entity should recognize the principal as the parent of the school, and together they will sign the formal adoption papers.

Teacher training is an important element, for without it, the infrastructure efforts of the adopting groups would lose their meaning. In this regard, the FWWPP is relying heavily on the "Mentoring the Mentors" program developed by Assumption College's Chinit Delgado-Rufino and two professors from the University of the Philippines, Dr. Celia Adriano and Dr. Evelyn Mijillano.

Somebody teased that, with Lulu being part of this project, does it mean to benefit her mother, the President?

No way, assures the FWWPP. It will remain nonpartisan even if it kills us. After all, the chairperson of our task force, Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, FSC, was President Estrada's DepEd appointee, and his assistant, Victor Manhit, works with Sen. Edgardo Angara.

But while this movement is intended to be strictly nonpartisan, it will not snub efforts by politicians who want to help, but please, without publicity.

The FWWPP will necessarily be working hand in hand with the Department of Education secretary, who just happens to be on the FWWPP's board of trustees. He has, however, asked to be allowed to go on leave. Who are we to question our loss and DepEd's gain?

Memorandum of Agreement

Things have been moving fast. Yesterday, the FWWPP publicly signed a memorandum of agreement with Sec. Edilberto de Jesus to spell out our relationship with the DepEd, which has its own Adopt-a-School Bureau. Miguel Luz, younger brother of the Makati Business Club's Guillermo Luz, has been designated as undersecretary in charge of the Adopt-a-School program.

The FWWPP, through Undersecretary Luz, will be networking with 117 regional directors, 30,000 principals and 500,000 teachers.

There will be further networking with the NGOs, foundations, civic groups, religious outfits and dedicated individuals who have been patient and devoted workers for education.

Honor roll

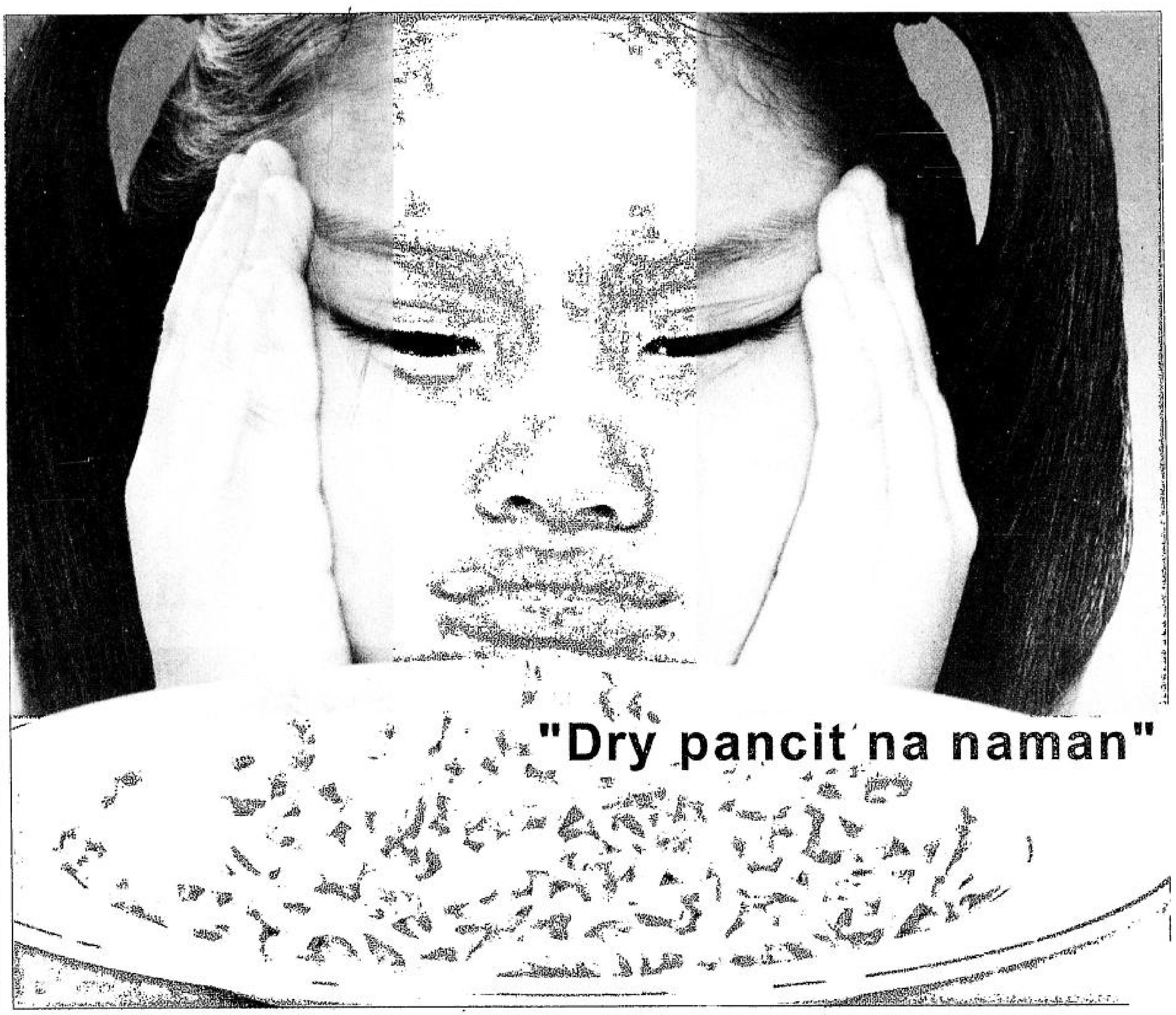
In conceptualizing this education program, the FWWPP has been fortunate to have the valuable insights and inputs of other hardworking Filipinos besides Chinit Rufino and Drs. Adriano and Mijillano. All of them deserve to be mentioned here:

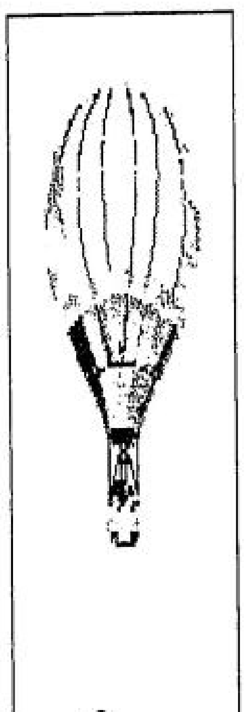
Lirio Ongpin Mapa of the Center for Leadership and Change, Ma. Ceres P. Doyo of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Eden Orosa Kelemen of the Philippine Association for Values Education, Prof. Nim Gonzalez of Task Force Eskwela ng Bayan, Bro. Ceci Hojilla of De La Salle University, Sr. Josephine Nepomuceno of St. Scholastica's College, Sr. Jackie de Belen, RVM, Mimi David and Myra Menguito of Couples for Christ Education Ministry, writer and editor Asuncion David Maramba;

Billy Lacaba of Raya Media Service, Edwina Tiosejo of ACED, Harvey Que of Pathways to Higher Education, Dr. Sterling Plata and Victor Manhit of De La Salle, Chita V. Pijano of the Philippine Accrediting Assn. for Schools, Colleges and Universities, Ma. Victoria Abcede of the DepEd Adopt-a-School secretariat, Cecilia H. Magsaysay and Elizabeth Cabuguas, Sr. Victricia Pascasio of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, and Dr. Maria Lim Ayuyao, executive vice president of Centro Escolar University and the newest member of the FWWPP's board of trustees (she replaced the late Doreen G. Fernandez).

Call for volunteers

Finally, the FWWPP obviously cannot accomplish this revolutionary task without the help of volunteers. We hope to hear from those who believe, as Robert F. Kennedy did, that: "The struggle will not be won by standing aloof and pointing a finger; it will be won by action, by men who commit their every resource of mind and body to the education and improvement of their fellowmen."





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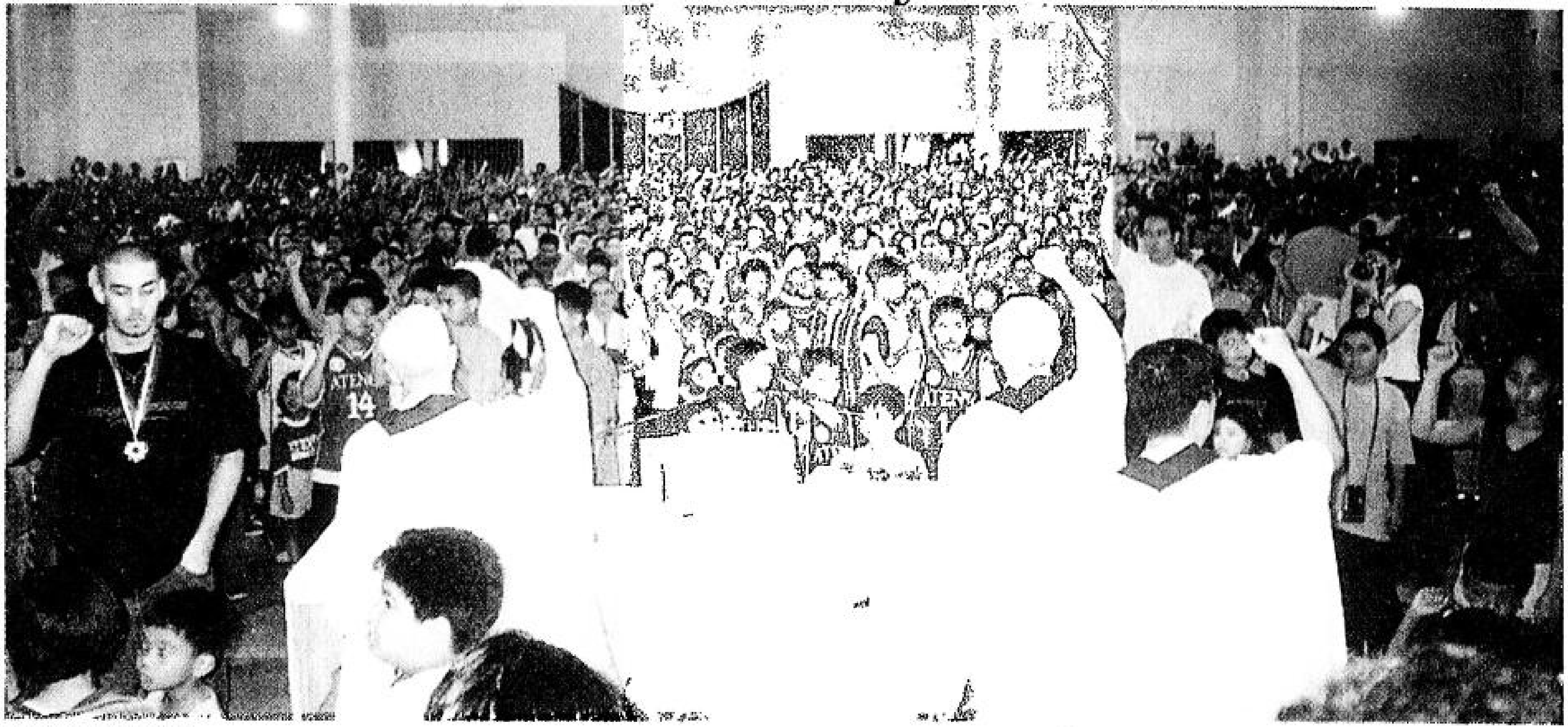

ATENEO followers at thanksgiving Mass at the Church of Gesù

"HELP us to give our all in every practice, in every game." Fr. Tito Caluag prays with the team.

FORMER President Cory Aquino and grandson pose with Joel and Jenny Banal.

Those brave Eagle hearts

From page F2

> It was a team that began with much hope, but descended into the depths of loss, only to come back from the dead

to a halt once more on that sweltering afternoon of Oct. 5 when archrivals Ateneo de Manila University and De La Salle University battled for the much-coveted UAAP basketball championship. Distinguished alumni, senators, the Vice President of the land, movers and shakers from the business and banking world, diehard Blue- and Green-blooded alumni and students came in full force to cheer their teams to victory. Even those who did not come from both schools chose sides and rallied behind the teams.

In a championship that had been dubbed as a fairy tale, the Eagles prevailed over the Archers in what was perhaps the most written and talked about collegiate championship game in recent history. For the first time, coverage of the event went as far as the United States (Studio 23 broadcast the game live on both the East and the West Coasts).

What is it about this team and this victory that has captured the nation's imagination?

Maturity

Fr. Tito Caluag, S.J., would like to credit the boys' maturity. In addition to prayer, a tremendous amount of faith and skill. "I think that's why we won the championship, because they matured," Father Caluag said. And it is a maturity that covers both the emotional and spiritual levels.

Credit goes to coach Joel Banal, whose deep spirituality has made a tremendous impact on his players, and to Father Caluag who has the gift of guiding and encouraging the boys to become better persons.

"It was when they left their individual egos at the door that the miracles started to take place," the priest said.

Early in the season, Marco Benitez, one of the team captains, had composed a prayer that echoed the sentiments of the team, the last part of which read, "And grant us the faith that you will complete the mission that you have begun in us—that we finally fulfill the task of winning a championship for our school, our families, our supporters and ourselves."

When Enrico Villanueva was asked what he did well this season, he replied, "I was faithful to the 10 p.m. prayer." The young men had prayed every single day during the season.

Friday evening before the game, the players were made to view clips from films that would psyche them up for the big battle the next day. In the confines of the Linden Suites, where they were quartered, they watched clips of "Saving Private Ryan," "The Rock," "Gladiator" and "Any Given Sunday."

The night before they had watched an excerpt of the battle scene in "Braveheart," where William Wallace echoed, "One chance, just one chance." Father Caluag said that up until the game, this became the boys' battle cry and he likened them to the Scots in "Braveheart." "A rag tag team going against the sophisticated, battle-ready Brits," he chuckled.

A week had passed and yet, over on the Ateneo campus, the lines continued but for Ateneo paraphernalia. In the last three decades, there had not been such a sight on campus.

Soap opera

Dr. Soledad Reyes, who has been teaching at the Ateneo for almost three decades and has witnessed several championships, shook her head in amazement.

"It seems to me, while reading the various newspapers and listening to accounts, that the recent victory of the Ateneo basketball team has taken the country by storm. Perhaps because this team really played as a cohesive team with a lot of heart and faith that they could achieve a seemingly impossible feat," Reyes said.

Could it also have been that, like a soap opera, it was a team that began with much hope, but descended into the depths of loss, only to come back from the dead, so to speak?

Reyes said that perhaps the long and difficult climb to the top tapped into the collective unconscious.

"It went beyond collegiate rivalry into something more universal, of distant lores and tales that unfolded the story of young men embarking on a perilous quest in search of something or somebody," she said. "These young men symbolized those characters of legends and myths, and their gut-wrenching victory, the completion of a task—for Ateneo. The fierce battle on the court was a modern-day spectacle, much like the epics we read when the world was young and less troubled."

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EAGLES guest on "Game KNB?"

GRADE school fans at thanksgiving Mass

POST-GAME party at Outback with Manny Pangilinan and Father Caluag

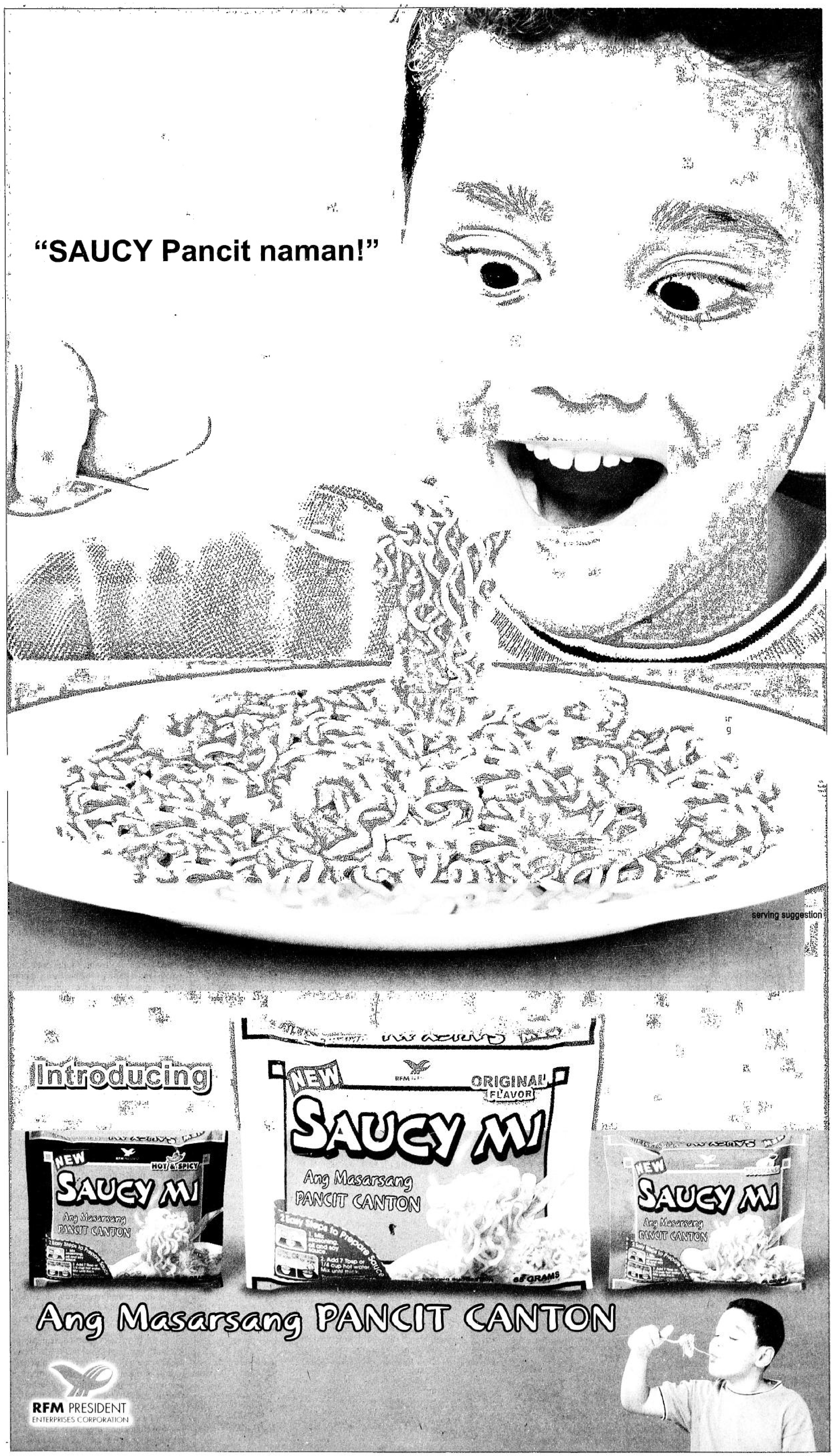
AT OUTBACK with former teammate Paul Tanchi

PRESIDENT Aquino and the Blue Eagles at the Linden Suites victory dinner

WITH CARMINA Villaroel

WITH CHARLENE Gonzales at the ABS-CBN studios

WITH FIRST Gentleman Mike Arroyo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CONSUELO AWARDS. The Sanyang Multi-purpose Cooperative, an organization that helped earn for the Badjaos more tolerance, respect and compassion, is the first winner of the Consuelo Award. Photo shows Consuelo Foundation president and CEO Patti Lyons admiring a colorful miniature *vinta* presented to her by Amy Malbun, former Sanyang chair.

Nominees for 2nd Consuelo Award named

FOUR non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have been working for and on behalf of disadvantaged women and children are vying for the second Consuelo Award, to be given on Nov. 27.

The Consuelo Award, given for the first time last year, recognizes outstanding non-governmental organizations that have made a significant difference in the lives of disadvantaged Filipino children, women and families.

The awards program is named after Consuelo Zobel Alger, founder of the non-profit, US-based foundation that bears her name. It honors an NGO that has clearly demonstrated excellence in fulfilling her wish to "renew hope for those who have lost it or to give hope to those who never had it."

Patti J. Lyons, president and CEO of Consuelo Foundation, said the awards program aimed "to perpetuate the memory of a loving and generous benefactress (and) encourage all NGOs to strive for the highest standards of program delivery."

NGOs are evaluated on their success in implementing the foundation's mission, program effectiveness and adherence to organizational standards. The evaluation panel considers how well the winning NGO has restored the dignity and self-respect of the disadvantaged groups it is championing and to what degree it has succeeded in making those women, children or families more self-reliant and self-sufficient.

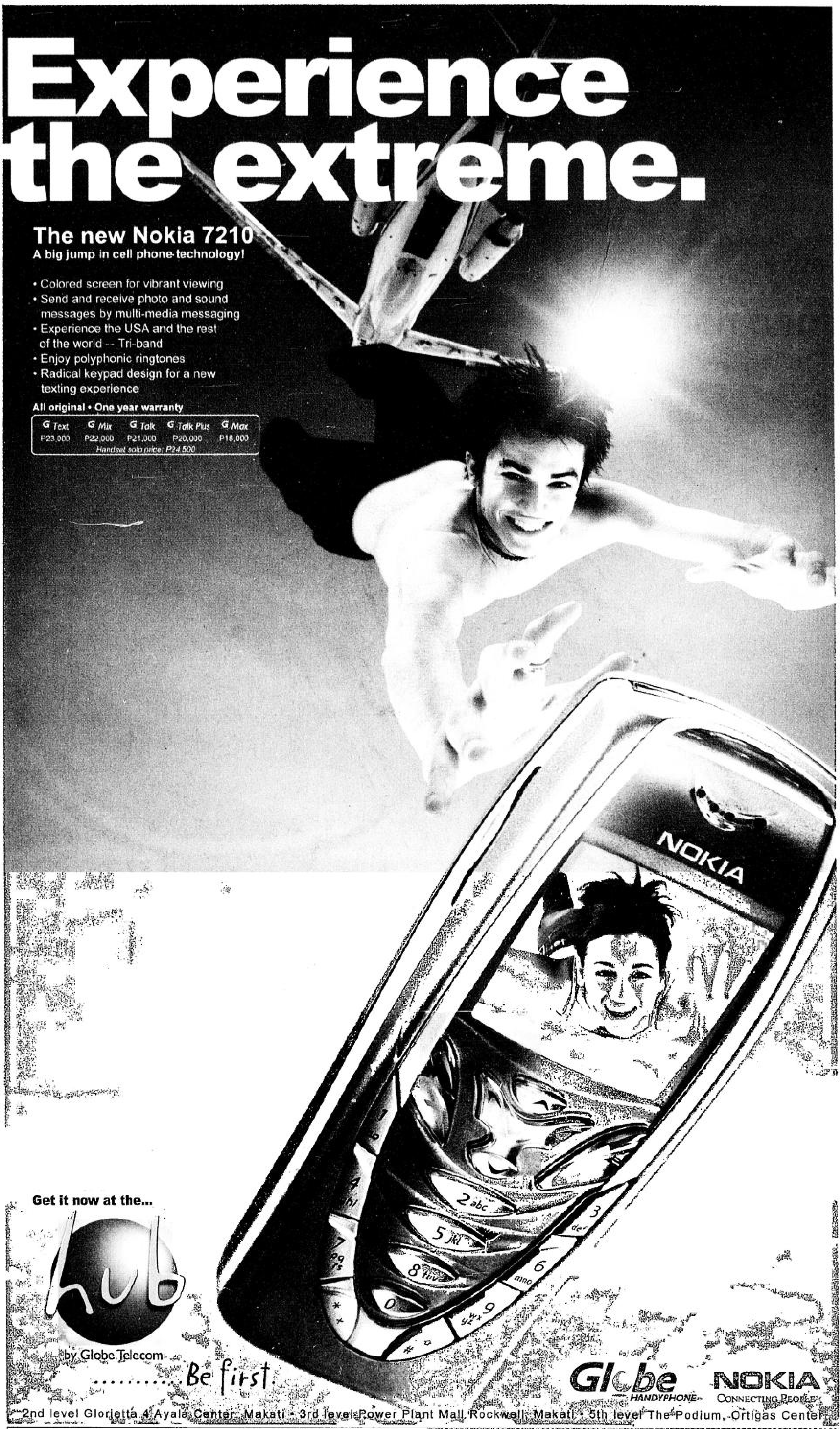
This year's nominees are:

The Don Bosco Tondo Youth Center, which was set up in 1967 primarily to bring Christ's message to the area and provide young people with opportunities to carve a better future. Before the center opened, the Salesians of Don Bosco conducted weekend visits to organize games, celebrate Mass and show movies. But with the infamous Smokey Mountain looming over the area, the Salesians soon realized weekend visits were not enough. Using land donated by the late industrialist Don Andres Soriano, the center was established, making a difference in the lives of thousands of Tondo youths.

Set up in 1987, the Families and Children for Empowerment and Development (FCED) was organized to respond to the needs of the growing street children population, specifically in the Paco-Pandacan area of Manila. It uses a holistic approach, adopting strategies to help entire families, as it recognized that disadvantaged families were at the root of the street children problem.

The Pangarap Foundation Inc. in Pasay City started as the Pangarap Shelter in 1989. As the name suggests, its main goal was to provide shelter to the growing number of street children. It started with a simple drop-in feeding program for 14 children in a small rented space. It now reaches out to an average of 300 children every year.

The Social Action Center-Legazpi City (SAC-LC) was established in 1989 as the social action arm of the Catholic Church diocese of the city. In 1999, following an assessment by the Department of Social Welfare and Development that the Bicol region was one of five regions with the highest incidence of child abuse, it decided to make child abuse prevention and rehabilitation one of its major concerns.



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Back in the days when the grass was green

By Dennis Eroa

Veteran La Salle Green Archers relive the old rivalry with their arch-enemies

THREE-TIME Olympian Ramoncito Campos, still in tip-top shape at 74, hates to make excuses.

"Ateneo was the better team," Campos said, when asked to explain La Salle's loss. "We'll be back next year."

A veteran of the 1948 London, 1952 Helsinki and 1956 Melbourne Olympics, Campos is now into photography.

"Photography relaxes me. I take all kinds of pictures," Campos said. He laughed heartily when asked whether he enjoyed taking pictures of beautiful women.

Campos played for La Salle in the 1950-1952 seasons with the likes of Martin Urra, Andres Franco, Minggoy Muñoz and Alex Montilla. Franco, now slowed down by illness, had been an Asian Gold medalist in high jump.

He didn't win a single championship as a Green Archer, but Campos became one of the country's top basketball players, proving that La Salle is a breeding ground for sporting heroes.

Known as an ambidextrous player, Campos is now La Salle's junior representative to the UAAP board. The senior representative is Danny Jose, brother of Davis Cupper Johnny Jose.

After La Salle, Campos climbed to the MICAA, where he became a part of the bemedalled Yco quintet. With Campos terrorizing the opposition with his accurate jumpers, Yco won seven straight National Open titles.

Toast

Lim Eng Beng was the toast of the town when the Archers won the 1971 and the 1974 NCAA championships.

Beng was the original La Salle superstar before the entry of sweet-shooting Ren Ren Ritualo, who was part of the team that won four straight titles from 1998 to 2001. In appreciation of Beng's contribution, La Salle retired his jersey number 14 in 1974. Ritualo's number was retired last year.

Now a coach for Chiang Kai Shek College, Beng also plays with a group of former professional players in various tournaments in and out of the country.

"I like teaching kids," said Beng, who is known for his deadly jump shots and never-say-die penetrations.

Surprisingly, Beng failed to watch game three of the epic Ateneo-La Salle series. "When I arrived at home, the Eagles were already celebrating," Beng said.

Beng said his fellow Archers must rise from the pain of losing to their arch-rivals.

"I know it's painful, but losing must make the team stronger," he said. "Also, we must remember that basketball is all about teamwork."

In 1971, Beng, with his backcourt partner

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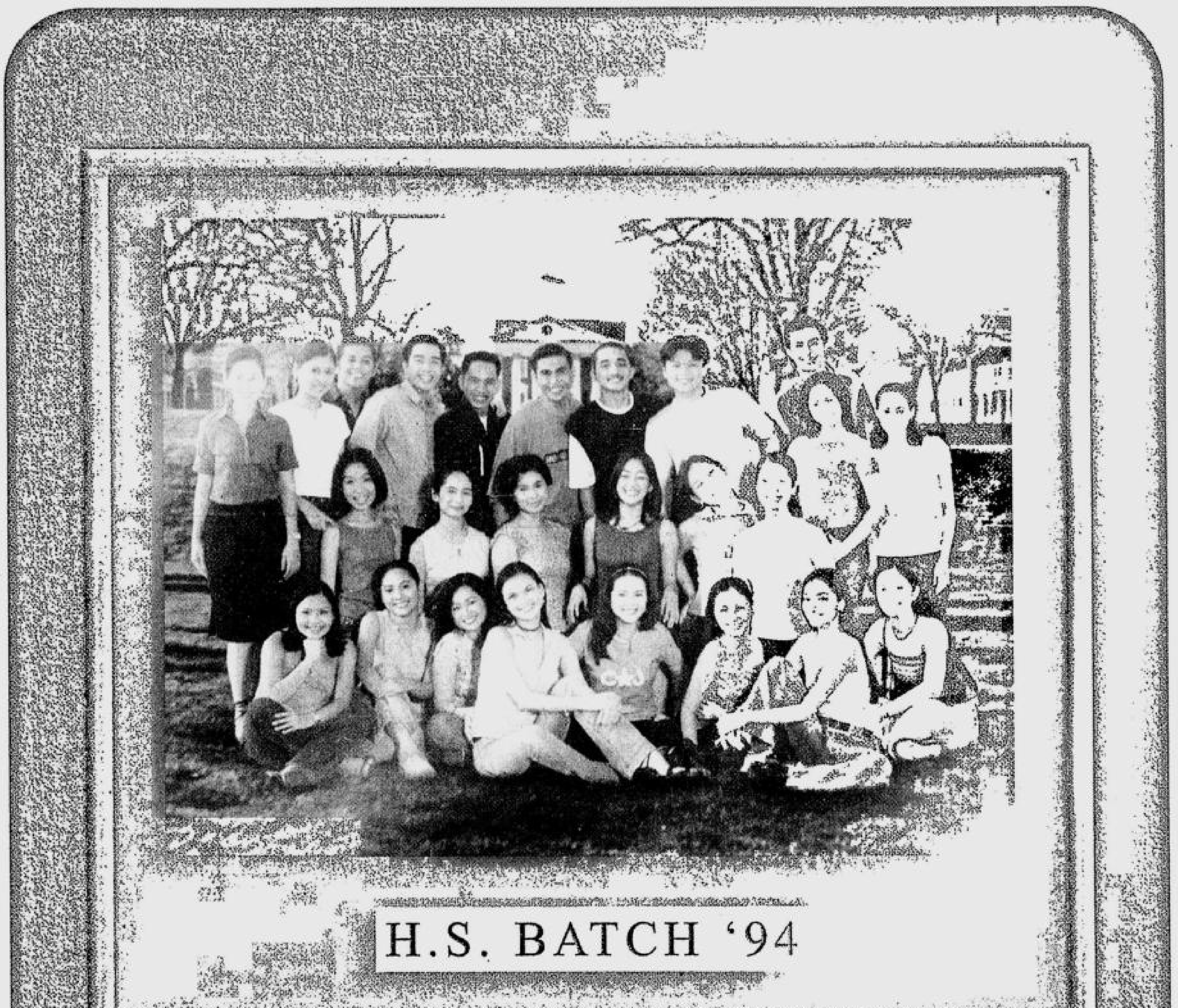

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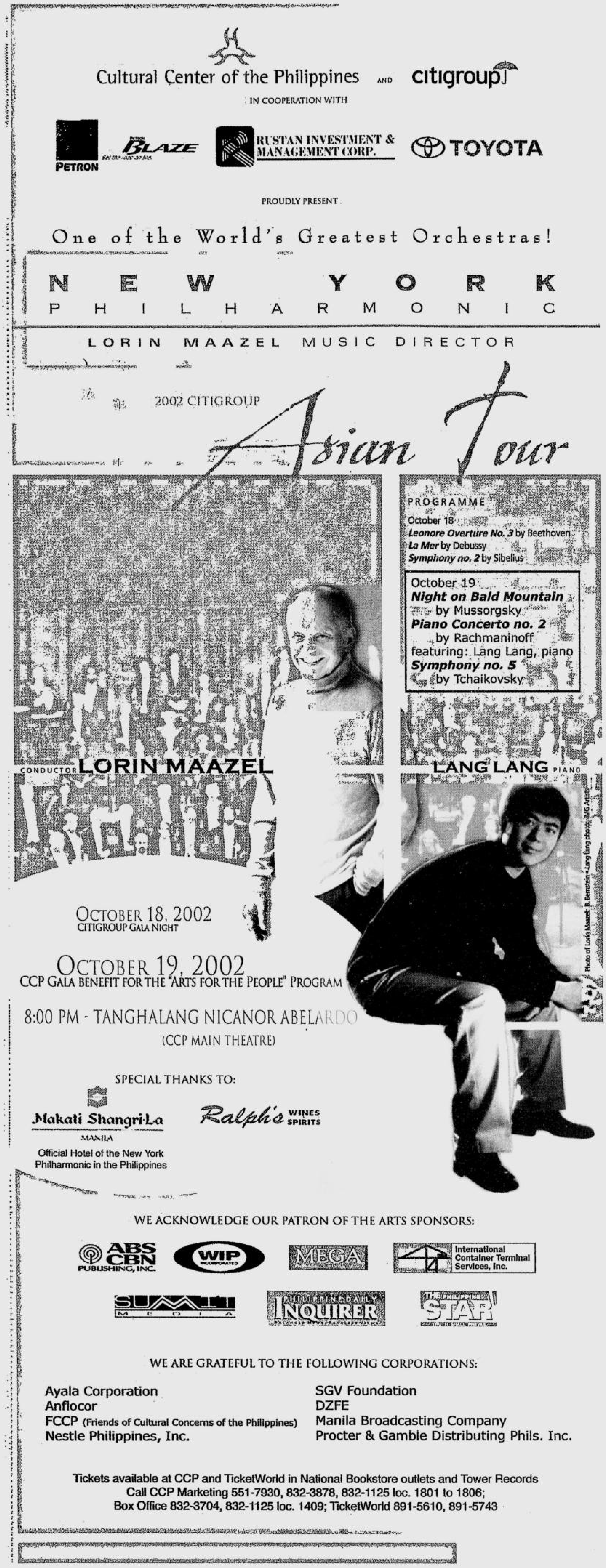
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Back in the days when the grass was green

From page G1

Mike Bilbao, and teammates like Alex Maliksi, Julian Lim and Dingdong Guevarra, downed Mapua for the NCAA crown. La Salle, then, was still a college and not a university.

Bilbao met an accident while still a stalwart of Tanduay, but recovered. He is now living in the United States.

LIM Eng Beng

Sweet

The 1971 triumph, however, did not start a La Salle reign in the NCAA. La Salle finished fourth in 1972 and fifth in 1973. Then came the memorable 1974 season when Beng's exploits enabled the Archers to regain their old standing.

"It was so sweet because we beat Ateneo in the finals. The Araneta Coliseum overflowed with spectators," remembered Beng.

Unstoppable, Beng erupted with 37 big points. He could have made more, but coach Tito Eduque, now deceased, mercifully took him out of the game with still five minutes remaining and La Salle way ahead.

"I could have scored more than 40," said Beng. He was shadowed all throughout by defensive specialist Fritz Gaston. La Salle eventually beat Ateneo by 10 points, 90-80.

MIKE Bilbao

Among Beng's teammates were Dennis Mendoza, Tanny Dizon, Billy Johnston and Jun Rastrullo.

Following his stellar show in 1974, in which he also set the NCAA scoring mark of 55 points, Beng led the assault against Letran. He also scored 54 against Trinity College.

"When I scored 55, I knew that it was going to be a wonderful season," said Beng. La Salle took a twice-to-beat advantage over Ateneo in the finals.

Beng immediately joined the PBA bandwagon without the benefit of playing in the MICAA, the country's top commercial league.

"I grabbed the opportunity to join the pros the moment the PBA opened shop in '75," said Beng. He was drafted by Concepcion, but stamped his mark while playing for the Utex Wrangler.

DON Allado

1989-90 champion team (Derek Pumaren, coach)

Zandro Limpot now plays for Ginebra.

Joey Sta. Maria played for the PBA and the MBA.

Johnedel Cardel played for the MBA.

Jonas Mariano is a businessman.

Dwight Lago plays for San Miguel Beer.

Gie Abanilla is an assistant coach of FedEx and La Salle.

DEREK Pumaren

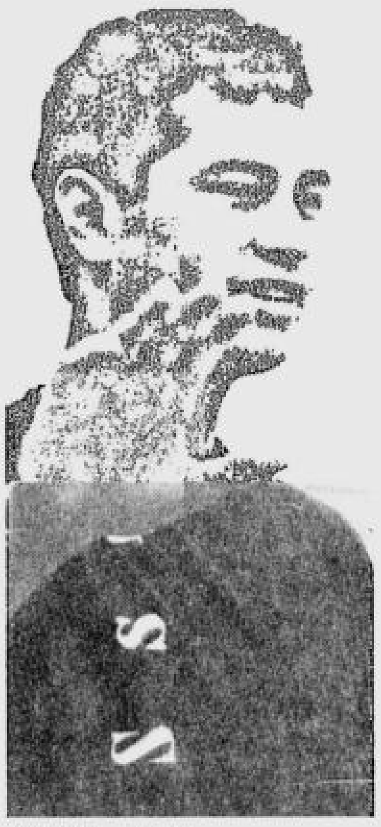
1998-2001 champion team

Dino Aldeguer plays for Welcoat.

Ren Ren Ritualo plays for FedEx.

Alvin Castro plays for San Miguel Beer.

Don Allado plays for Alaska.


JOEY Sta. Maria

REN Ren Ritualo

Where are they now?

Heroes of Ateneo's back-to-back titles in the 1970s and 1980s live productive lives long after they have hung up their jerseys

By Cathy Babao Guballa

BLUE AND WHITE. (From left) Johnny Perlas, Pons Valdez, Padim Israel, Joy Carpio and Fritz Gaston PHOTO BY JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

"WE breed them, we don't recruit them," Padim Israel, a member of the Blue Eagle basketball championship teams of the 1976 and 1977 seasons, said when asked to describe the general composition of the Ateneo teams since the 1970s.

Fritz Gaston, Israel's teammate in the back-to-back championships, and who coached the 1987-1988 championship team, said that the Ateneo basketball team through the years has been composed mainly of homegrown talents. Although some recruits come from other high schools, Gaston said the bulk of the team has been blue-blooded, so to speak, since primary school.

Larry Fonacier agreed. He explained that his exposure to basketball as a young grade school student helped nurture his passion for the game.

But is there life after basketball? At the Ateneo victory dinner at Linden Suites, Conrad Banal, PDI columnist who played basketball for the Eagles in the mid '70s, said yes, definitely. "The Ateneo education ensures that these players will have lives long after they have hung up their jerseys."

Here's a quick look at the members of the last four championship teams and where they are now.

1976 and 1977 championship teams

Monette Araneta worked in Subic for 15 years.

Joy Carpio works for the Comelec.

Max Estrada is a vice president at United Overseas Bank.

Maling Estrella lives in the United States.

Fritz Gaston is head of sales for Asian Navigation and Tracking Systems Inc.

Padim Israel is a pastor married to actress Rio Locsin.

Bambi Kabigting is a pastor married to actress Lotis Key.

Ricky Lacson became a surgeon and passed away earlier this year.

Chito Mistades is an executive at Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Chito Narvasa is president of the Coaches Association of the Philippines.

Joey Pengson is an executive at Fujitsu.

Johnny Perlas is vice president and general manager of CYO International Inc.

EU Puyat is an executive at Puyat Steel.

Louie Rabat runs the family business in Davao.

Pons Valdez conducts human development and leadership workshops.

Gerry Versoza is an executive at Baguio Electric Co.

Steve Watson is an executive at Filipino Cable.

Also part of this team was Jimmy Tioseco.

1987 and 1988 championship teams

Gene Afable is an assistant coach of the Ateneo Blue Eagles.

Alex Araneta lives in Australia.

Ramil "Mel" Basa lives in New Jersey, US, and works for a company involved with call centers.

Joseph Canlas is now a chef and lives in the US.

OLSEN Racela

JUN Reyes

JV Gayoso

ERIC Reyes

Emilio "Nonoy" Chuatico manages an insurance agency called New Canaan.

Danny Francisco is a sportscaster.

Jaime Vincent "JV" Gayoso is in the business of tutorial services and was for a time in the movies.

Jose Miguel "Jojo" Habana works for Geo-Logistics and is part-owner of Kublai's Restaurant.

Rainier "Haj" Jeongco is an executive of Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Albert Mendoza is involved with the family's furniture business.

Raymond Morales is involved with the family's handicrafts business.

Joseph "Jet" Nieto is now a doctor based in the US.

Roderico "Olsen" Racela plays for the PBA's San Miguel Beermen.

Eric Reyes, who was called King Eagle, plays for the PBA's Alaska Aces.

Gilbert "Jun" Reyes is an assistant coach of the PBA's Alaska Aces.

Rico Santiago manages a retail business called Brands For Less.

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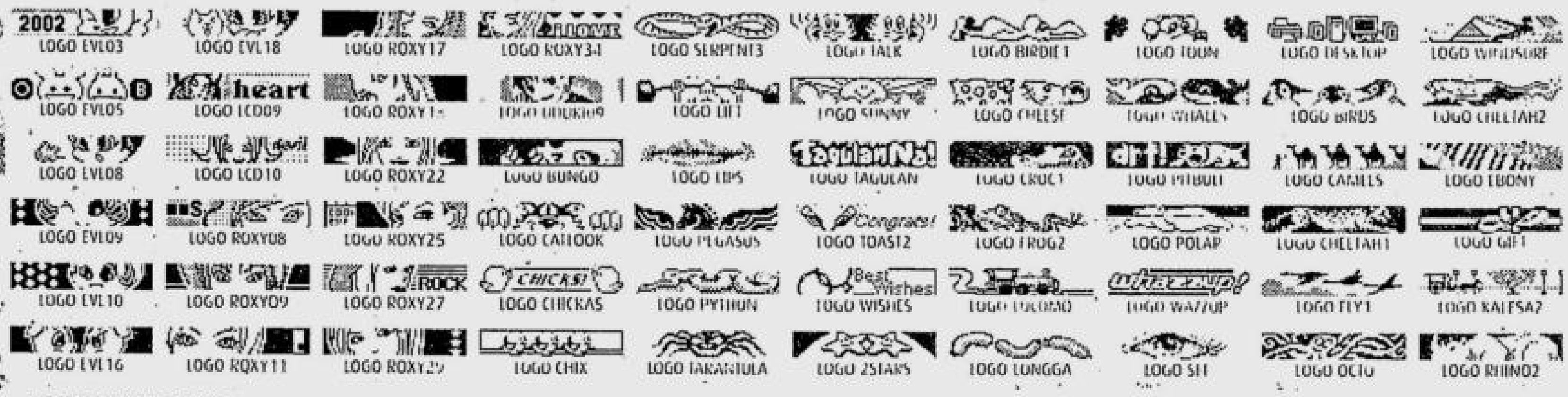

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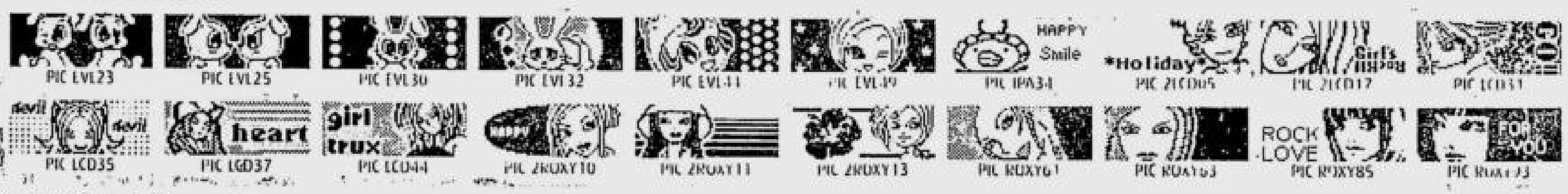

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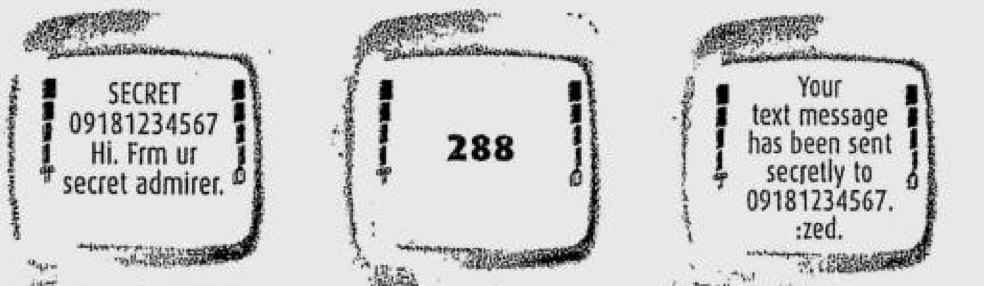
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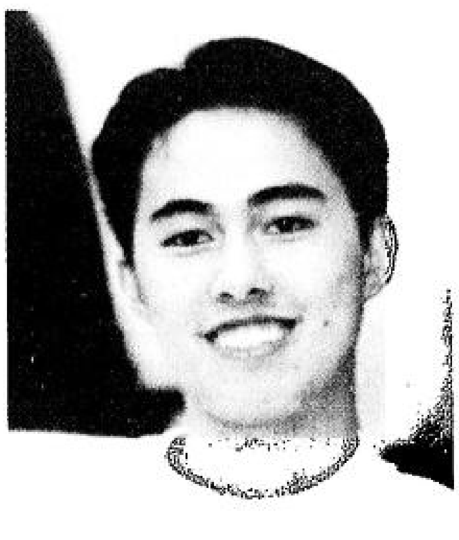
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PLAYTIME

By the staff

IT WAS a happy quintet who showed up at the INQUIRER for Playtime three days after the Ateneo Blue Eagles wrested the UAAP crown from four-time champion La Salle Green Archers.

Center Enrico Villanueva, "Dagul" to his teammates, bagged this year's Most Valuable Player award, fully vindicating his five-year stint in the UAAP. Wingmen Larry Fonacier and Wesley Gonzales also got this year's MVP awards from the UAAP Press Corps. And everybody loves Rich Alvarez, the Eagles' ever-reliable power forward. Alvarez, Fonacier and Villanueva are all Interdisciplinary Studies students majoring in Psychology and Communications. Gonzales is pursuing an MA in Management Information Systems.

Wingman Gec Chia, who spent a better part of his valor on the bench last season, was this year's surprise. Completing his MA in Computer Science, he was also awarded the Most Improved Player of the year by the UAAP Press Corps.

Last year's season of discontent turned the Loyola Heights boys into men obsessed with winning. It took 14 years and a brand-new coach, Joel Banal, to make their dream of a championship come true. It would have taken another 14 years to finish this interview had we invited the whole team—each of whom contributed defining moments during the season—but, for now, let's play with five of their stars.

Who among you is planning to join the professional league?

Enrico Villanueva (E): Ako. I'm planning to turn pro. I'm going to join the draft in January.

Are there any offers?

E: Wala pa naman. Iyon lang naman, iyong sa Talk n' Text yata 'yon, if they want to get me.

At all costs?

E: I don't know. (Laughs) Ayoko magsalita.

Who is turning to show business?

E: Si Joy del Rosario.

All: Tayo din! (Laughter)

So, Wesley, why did you sit last year out?

Wesley Gonzales (W): Lots of reasons. Siguro it's God's way of teaching me lessons.

There were rumors that you had a falling out with Coach Joe Lipa. Is that true?

W: Siguro, in a way, there was. For me it was not enough reason for it to happen, but it happened, so siguro everything happens for a reason.

Did you decide to sit it out, or he didn't use you?

W: Medyo alam ko na that if I would make the lineup hindi ako magagamit.

How would you describe your coach now (Joel Banal) in one word?

W: Pogi! (Laughter)

E: Religious.

Larry Fonacier (L): I've learned to pray harder because of him.

E: One word nga e. (Laughter)

One week kayo nagdadasal?

L: He said a lot of good things. He read us Bible passages; it was very helpful.

How crucial is a coach?

L: I think he's the most crucial in a team. Lalo na this season, we were really in the dark... Noong malapit na kaming ma-eliminate, si Coach na lang talaga ang nagbigay sa amin ng tiwala. "Huwag kayong mag-alala, tatapusin ni God itong plano Niya para sa atin." He kept us going.

How did the season change you? You say your coach is religious... How did that make an impact on you?

Rich Alvarez (R): He helped us so much. You know what we went through, 'di ba?

No, you tell us what you went through.

E: We were always written off as, parang, "See you next year na lang," or something like that. But we made commitments as a team. We also had a deeper faith in God. We had this prayer, "Grant us the faith that You will complete the mission that you have begun in us." It was Coach Joel who started that.

Do you actually believe that God had a hand in this?

E: Of course.

What about your skills?

E: I believe that it was God who gave me the skill and talent to play basketball. If I didn't use it wisely, then it would have been wasted. I think talent alone will not do it.

How about La Salle? Wasn't God on their side? (Laughter)

E: Siguro pagka ganyan, it's not saying that God is an Atenean . . . (Laughter) God sees what's in your heart, how you work for it. If He sees that you work harder for it, I believe that He's gonna give it to you.

The Eagles wanted it more.

E: Yeah. So it's not a question of God being an Atenean or La Sallian.

How was it to go back to school as "champs"? How did it feel?

L: The cheering died down na e, simula noong after the game, sa Mass. So medyo organized na yung mga tao pagdating namin. Ngayon pabulong-bulong lang, patingin-tingin. There were no more autographs.

E: Pero iyong mga requirements ng mga teachers, same pa rin. Hinihintay pa rin nila. (Laughs)

L: I still owe one of my teachers—how many papers?

What about your families? How did they react?

E: I didn't see them for almost three weeks. I saw them once a week. My dad was asking me to go home na, to sleep there muna. Sabi ko, I'll sleep sa house 'pag tapos na nito. Sunday we went home from Linden Suites. He was so proud of the whole team, not just for me, but the whole team. Sinabi rin niya, "It was worth it that you stayed there in Linden."

Did he always go to your game?

E: Of course, he always watched the game with my mom.

Always? Every time?

E: Yes. Even my sisters in the States were always checking out the game on the Internet. So they were in touch pa rin. They always called me and texted me before and after the games. Very supportive ang family ko. And I appreciated that.

R: My dad, you know, he believed that staying at Linden was a good idea. Even though he didn't see me for a couple of weeks, he was very supportive. He supported me and the team. He told me he prayed every day for us.

Did he also watch every time?

R: Yeah. He watched all the games, especially the last game.

So, besides your dad and mom, who else would watch you?

E: My sisters.

What about your girlfriend?

E: My girlfriend is in China. (Chuckles) I'm gonna visit her next week.

What about the other girlfriends?

E: I don't have other girlfriends. (Laughter)

How about you, Rich, did your girlfriend also watch?

R: She always watched.

What is her name? Is she from Ateneo?

R: Alexi Alunan. She graduated from Ateneo. But then her dad's a La Sallian. (Laughter) So, after we won, I wasn't allowed into their house. (Laughter) I'm just kidding. (Laughs)

How about you, Larry, how did your family feel?

L: Parang prodigal son pagbalik ko sa bahay, kasi ang tagal ko ring hindi bumalik sa bahay, kasi may dorm pa kami sa Burgundy, so hindi rin ako natutulog sa house. Pero malungkot din ako kasi namimiss ko yung kapatid kong maliit. Iyon talaga ang kakulitan ko lagi sa bahay.

Who would watch your games?

L: Everyone. Pati iyong mga nasa other countries, sa Internet.

How about Wesley?

W: Of course, they are proud and really happy that we worked hard and it paid off. Since last year wala ako, we are really, really grateful that I was given the chance to experience this kind of feeling. Suwerte lang na talagang ginawa ako ng Diyos na instrumento para makasali sa panalo.

Are there best friends in the team?

L: These two guys over here. (Points to Enrico and Rich)

R: We're partners, we're brothers.

Like brothers. And then who else?

All: Kami.

E: Actually, lahat naman, big team naman kami.

Even last year, you were like that?

E: Last year was the same. Even with Paul TanChi, we still go out together. They still watch the games. They still cry with us and everything.

L: I'm glad na kahit hindi sila part ng team this year...

E: Nandoon pa rin sila.

Did your guesting on "The Buzz" have anything to do with ABS-CBN's rights to air you exclusively? Or were you just invited?

E: No, we were just invited.

Bakit parang you were on all ABS-CBN shows?

E: Eh kasi wala namang nag-iinvite na iba, eh. (Laughs)

You mean, if GMA invites you guys, you will say yes?

E: I would love to guest on "Kool Ka Lang." (Laughter)

What TV shows do you watch?

W: I don't really watch TV. I'm not a TV person.

E: Saka wala nang time since we were in the quarters.

Before the championship?

All: "Bubble Gang." (Laughter)

E: I watch "Monica Brava" pala. (Laughter) Seriously!

L: A lot of MTV and yung "MYX" ng Studio 23. Kasi si Heart [Evangelista] crush ko.

E: Makakarating daw kay Lora [Gahol, Larry's girl]. (Laughs)

What's the bonus that you're getting?

E: Trip to Australia, the Gold Coast, in December.

Is this a vacation or is it a playing trip?

E: Vacation.

How long?

R: Two months. (Laughs) No, just kidding.

E: Hopefully, two weeks.

What else are the perks of being a good basketball player?

L: Para sa akin, it's important to make other people happy. Lalo na yung mga grade school kids. When you see their faces na proud... sobra!

Nagpapapirma pa sila ng autograph?

E: Doon sa fair nga ng grade school ang daming kids na nagpa-autograph. Masarap 'yung feeling. Siguro may mga advantages din. Siyempre kilala ka ng tao, maglalakad ka lang may sisigaw ng pangalan mo, nakakatuwa iyon. Pero, with that, may responsibility rin... Kasi siyempre role model ka dapat. Kapag nakita na negative ang ginagawa mo, hindi naman maganda iyon. Irresponsibility na yun.

FIRST five of one big team: "We're partners, we're brothers."

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> **Is your girlfriend from Ateneo? Rich Alvarez:** She graduated from Ateneo. But then her dad's a La Sallian. (Laughter) So after we won, I wasn't allowed into their house. (Laughter) I'm just kidding

Okay, more Lifestyle questions. Boxers or briefs? (Laughter)

E: Boxers, para malamig. (Laughter)

W: Boxers. (Laughter)

R: Briefs. (Laughter)

L: As often as possible...boxers. (Laughter)

What do you find attractive in a girl?

R: Smile.

E: Smile lang?

R: It's something you'll always remember, if you see someone smile.

W: Simple face, like hindi sobra-sobrang ganda, 'yung hindi na kailangan mag-makeup. Saka hindi nakakasawa.

L: Morena.

E: Ako, chinita.

Sino ba ang chinita? Kris Aquino...

E: Puwede.

Lagot ka, type niya mga basketball players.

E: Gusto ko iyong fresh, parang gulay. (Laughs)

Would anybody date a La Salle girl?

W: For sure.

E: No comment, baka sumabit. (Laughs)

All of your girlfriends are from Ateneo?

(All nod.)

You have screaming fans on the hardcourt, but have you experienced girls coming on to you? (Laughter)

G: They just ask for autographs. That's it.

Do they actually ask you for a date?

E: Meron.

What do you do in such cases? You go?

E: No, no, no. (Laughter) Minsan kasi 'pag tumawag sa cell phone mo, kailangan mo sagutin. Kasi maingay iyong phone, eh, so sasagutin mo. Yung iba mag-te-text. Minsan kasi 'pag hindi ka nag-reply, parang feeling ko ang yabang ko naman. So sasabihin ko magpapahinga na ako or something.

R: It happened a few times.

Other than basketball, what do you like to do?

L: I do a lot of reflection papers. (Laughter) I enjoy it a lot. (Laughter)

W: I like listening to music and reading books.

What do you listen to?

W: Old songs, usually. Iyong mga Frank Sinatra.

What things do you do together other than basketball?

R: Movies.

E: We stay in the dorm, so we watch DVDs. We watched "Romeo and Juliet," "Amadeus." Sa Star Movies.

R: "Desperado."

L: We like old movies.

Can you honestly say that you don't get special treatment from teachers?

W: Extremes.

E: Merong teachers na sobrang bait, and then, there are teachers na hindi ka papalusutin.

(George "Gec" Chia [G] arrives.) So your girlfriend left na?

G: She's now in the airport.

You mean she just came for the game?

G: Actually, she was really scheduled to leave today for Europe.

How long before you see her again?

G: Ten months.

What was your thought when you beat that buzzer [second game, Ateneo vs UE]?

G: Well, actually, the very first thought that came to my mind was, "S—t!" then, "Thank God." I kept on saying, "S—t! ... Thank God."

Parang it doesn't go together, "S—t... thank God." (Laughter) Pero alam mo papasok?

G: Well, I thought there was a good chance that [the ball] would go in. It's not the kind of shot na minadali ko. I had the form and a good release.

What do you think is your best feature?

W: Kahit hindi sa basketball?

Yes, physically or otherwise.

W: Physically? (Naughty laughter among the players)

'Yon ba? Physically? (Laughter)

W: You know what they say about big feet, right? (Laughter)

W: No, no. (Laughs)

Can we see your feet? (Laughter) What size shoes do you wear? (Laughter)

W: No, no... (Laughter)

E: Ako, 15.

Really? Press release 'yan, ha? (Laughter) Seriously, what's your best feature? What would attract a girl to you? What do you have to offer?

W: Good conversation.

Yeah. Hindi ka nagta-trash talk kapag girl?

W: (Laughs) No.

How about the others?

G: Siguro ako, personality. Kasi ako naman at first shy ako pero once I get to know that person, talkative na ako. I consider myself a gentleman.

R: I guess I'm a good-natured person. I want a girl to open up to me. I'm just there to listen.

L: Siguro, iyong willingness to sacrifice for the girl I really like.

E: Siguro, iyong tawa lang ako nang tawa kahit na anong bagay.

And it's not the size of your feet?

E: No. (Laughs)

What if your girlfriends tell you to quit because they couldn't take all the attention you're getting from the girls?

W: No way.

No way? You quit the girlfriend?

W: Oo. Seryoso.

G: Well, ako, I think...hindi rin. Pero I'm so lucky to have my girlfriend. As in kahit pag may na-receive akong text, as much as possible, gusto kong at least masagot lang ng "Thank you." Kasi sayang naman iyong efforts nila. So, okay lang naman sa kanya. Hindi naman siya nagagalit. She understands.

R: I don't know. That would be hard, you know. First, if we're in a relationship, she should trust me. And, you know, there's nothing wrong with that. I mean, if I were smoking or gambling or something—of course, I would. If it is something that's harmless, I think she should trust me.

E: Siguro, if for the right reasons, not just

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because of the attention or jealousy, mag-ququit ako.

How about you, Larry, if Lora says, "Quit."

L: She won't. She has accepted that. Masakit man, mahal ko talaga ang basketball.

Who's your biggest crush? Larry has said his is Heart Evangelista. How about the others?

R: My girlfriend.

E: Crush ko, siguro si Donita Rose.

G: Ako din.

W: Hindi kilala, e. Clarissa Francisco.

G: Iyong sa malaking banner ng Globe sa Araneta. (Laughter)

What do you think do you need to improve on in your game?

W: I would want to lessen trash talking. Actually, I can. Siguro…maging more steady. Cooler. And my outside shooting.

G: Ako siguro, sa dribbling, then sa shooting din. Siguro, experience. Madami, eh.

E: Perimeter game, saka defense.

R: Shooting and confidence. If you have confidence, you can do anything you desire.

L: As a team we have to stop that bad habit of starting poorly sa season. Kasi we did a lot of wrong things at the start of the season kaya muntik na kami madisgrasya.

You know, Larry, you're gonna go down in history as the person who blocked Cardona's crucial shots twice. What flashed in your mind? Was that a reflex action?

L: Medyo reflex. I knew time was running out and I knew he was gonna get the ball again. Iyon na lang ang gagawin niya—just throw the ball. So iyon talaga. Maganda iyong scouting report namin sa kanya.

Have you heard the rumor that Cortez sold the game?

E: I don't think so. Kasi, last year, ako naman iyong ganon, eh. Kung hindi ikaw yung hero, you're the goat. Last year sinabihan akong nagbenta ng game. Masakit sa akin iyon kasi hindi naman totoo. I wouldn't do that. Kay Cortez, ganoon din siguro iyon kasi, siyempre, siya ang nag-carry sa lahat ng games ng La Salle.

Off day lang niya o nabantayan?

E: Si Rich ang nagbantay.

What did you say to yourself, Rich, before the game? That this guy wasn't going to score over me?

R: I knew all his moves.

How could you know all his moves? Did you watch tapes?

All: A lot of tapes.

L: Well, sa dami ng years na kalaban mo ang La Salle matututo ka rin.

What do you think is La Salle's weakest point?

L: Siguro they believed too much in their [full-court] press, but Coach found a way to break it.

What would you advice the incoming team? The guys who are new?

E: To work hard.

G: Aside from the team practice, practice by yourself.

How about diet? Do you have to watch your diet?

E: Before pinag-diet ako.

L: Ako, I have to force myself to eat. They asked me to eat. Me and Gec. It was Coach who reminded us to eat, eat and eat.

E: Parang, love yourself especially during big games.

So what do you eat, Enrico?

E: Steak. A lot of steak.

Like how many orders?

W: Tatlo kaya niya.

G: Si Rich mapili iyan. Ako, seafood.

What's the worst thing that you have done on the hardcourt?

E: Parang part of the game lang lahat yan. Kasi binibigyan nila ako ng elbows, I give them elbows. (Laughs) Give and take.

But you saw Adonis coming?

E: Box out iyon, e. I had to check my man, 'di ba? It just so happened na tinamaan ko siya here (points to the throat). Kung medyo mas mababa naman, sa chest ko siya tatamaan. Hindi ko naman sinasadya.

What about you, Rich, what was the worst thing you did on court?

R: In second year, I got the rebound, I wanted to not lose the ball, so I went like this. He was on the floor.

G: Ako, wala.

Mabait ka?

G: I guess. (Laughter)

How about you, Larry?

L: Ako, siguro this year, I tried to get into BJ's head, nung second round game. I tried to destroy his game. Nung start pa lang, I tried to trip him (laughter) and talagang napikon siya doon. I wanted to win that game badly. Pero masama sa konsensiya ko kasi idol ko si BJ. Saka talagang kaibigan ko iyon.

Did he know that you were doing that?

L: Yeah, on purpose. Alam niya iyon. Mind games.

So did he talk to you about that?

L: Yeah. Minura muna niya ako, tapos he told me, "Larry, pag ginaganyan mo ako, alam mong tutupi ka sa akin." So inilabas ko na lang ang galit ko by playing.

R: I'll change my answer. (Laughter) Remember that game with San Beda? It was a practice game when someone gave me a drop pass. And then, I went to the basket and he fouled me. Okay, fine. I didn't notice, but after the game, he lost his two front teeth.

Oh, that's bad. How about you, Wesley?

W: Siguro, the one when I pointed to Cardona after the first game. I felt bad, actually. I know I shouldn't have.

Have you guys talked to BJ?

E: Yes. We're planning to go out.

L: The day after we won, he called me to say congratulations. He was happy for us.

When you guys meet the La Salle players off the court, do you greet each other?

W: Siguro, baka the older guys.

If you met Cardona, for example?

W: I wouldn't know how to react. For sure, I'm gonna be civil. It's just that what we are inside the court is really different from what we are outside.

What's the most valuable lesson that you've learned this season? Did you gain something else besides the championship, in other words?

G: Two things come to my mind. First is, that dreams do come true and, second, that hard work really pays off. I think it is what brought me here—the hard work.

E: I think faith and believing. Siguro, 'yung "Think from within." When all the odds are against you, you just have to look inside your heart. And find strength in your teammates, because you can't do it alone.

R: They said it all. Definitely hard work. For Game 3, we practiced for one whole week for La Salle. And we found strength in our teammates. In our practices, we worked so hard. When it came to the championship—Game 3 —we were, in a way, confident. We had built so much confidence.

L: Siguro it's the faith and believing in yourself. 'Yung believing in yourself, ang best example si Gec. Kasi, who expected Gec to perform well in this campaign? Last year, si Gec hindi na pinalaro.

All he needed was a break?

L: Yeah. Just a break.

Almost everybody wrote you off as "losers" after your consecutive losses.

W: We were doubting ourselves nga if we

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could make it to the Final Four, pero we made it, and we beat UE twice, and then, La Salle. We just kept on believing that we could do it. Hindi lang hard work ni Enrico or ni Rich. Lahat ng hard work namin as individuals. So it was 12 people.

At what point did you realize you were going to be champions?

G: When we beat UE.

R: You think so? That early? Me, last two minutes to go, third game. (Laughter) I mean, I wanted to make sure. Like, there were four minutes left in the last quarter, and everyone was so happy, I was like, "Shut up! Quiet!" (Laughter)

G: Actually, kami nga sa bench ayaw pa naming mag-celebrate, seven seconds na lang. Sabi namin, "Wala pa! Until the final buzzer, saka tayo mag-celebrate."

L: I really thought we had a good chance after we won the second round against La Salle. I'm proud talaga we found the weakness of La Salle. Sobrang taas talaga ng confidence namin after that game.

E: Ako, noong nag-meeting kami after that dip, sinabi lang namin na, "Treat every game as a championship game." Sabi ko, kahit No. 3 tayo, okay lang sa akin. Basta, right now, all I want is to go into the Final Four. Andrew Cruz said, "Why stop here? We already made the run and we're here—let's beat UE twice." So, after that, bakit ka pa bibitaw after everything that you've gone through, barging into the finals via the backdoor—the hard way. So nagka-confidence na ako na we could get La Salle. Sabi ko rin sa teammates ko, "Hindi ako papayag na maulit iyong last year. Walang uuwing luhaan sa atin this year."

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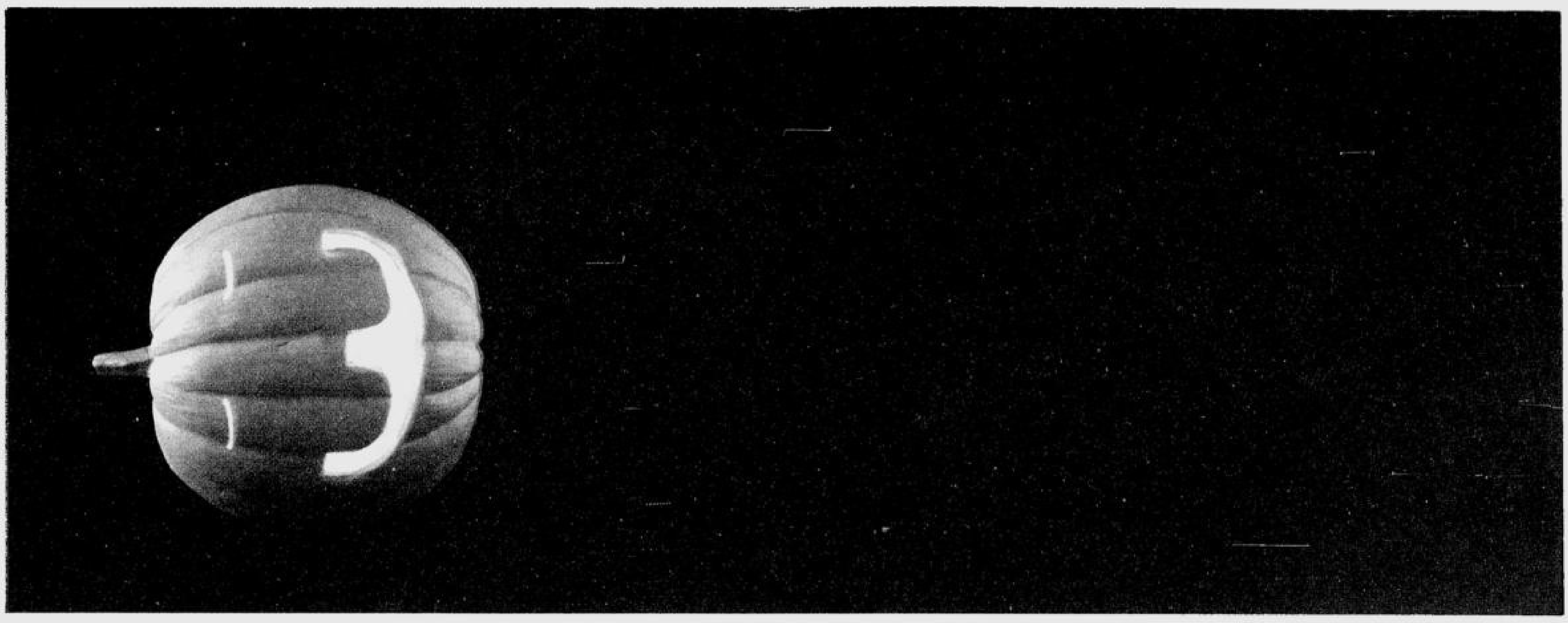

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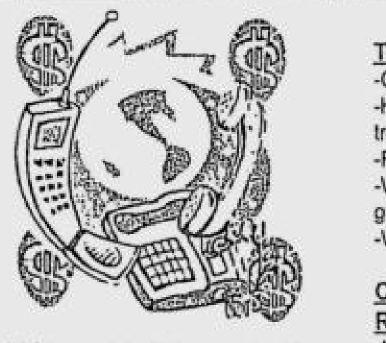

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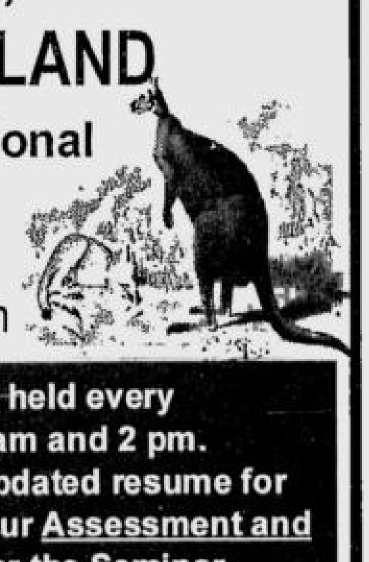

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Hospitality people

By: Vic Alcuaz

THE EDSA Shangri-la Hotel, the first Shangri-la property in the Philippines celebrated its 10th anniversary last August 28. 257 pioneer staff were feted for their loyalty among 600 who were hired to open the hotel in 1992. A group of EDSA Shang die-hards who are now successful in other endeavors has organized a reunion of staff hired on or before August 28, 1992. The gig will happen on November 23, where else but at the EDSA Shang, acknowledged one of Asia's best hotels. Among those expected to attend this nostalgic affair are NIGEL GROCOCK, the opening general manager, now GM of the Laguna Resort Pattaya, in Thailand; PEGGY ANGELES who was the first marketing director, now Vice President for Marketing of Shangri-la International; GREG DE GARRIZ who was training officer and now Corporate Human Resources Director of the Banyan Tree chain based in Thailand; ARLEEN ASUNCION then PR Manager and now Vice President for Marketing of the Aboitiz Group; RUDY ANINIPOT then chief engineer now Engineering Head of Belle Corporation, owners of the magnificent Tagaytay Highlands; JOYCE BARCELONA then HR Staff Assistant now Director of People Innovation of the trend setting Pan Pacific Hotel Manila; LEVI OLIDAN then HR Secretary now Director of Training of the Westin Shanghai; ARNOLD TENCE then a Management Trainee now Genaral Manager of the City Garden Hotel Makati; SANDEE ELECERIO then HR Officer now Director of Human Resources of the Asian Hospital; MAITEL CACHO then Sales Manager now Director of Marketing of the Palms Country Club; Butch de la Fuente, then Captain Waiter now F&B Manager of the ultra exclusive Cebu Sports Club; Gino Marinas then Assistant Manager of Room Service now F&B Manager of the Holiday Inn Manila and Martin de Castro then Beverage Manager now F&B Manager of the Makati Shangri-la.

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HOSPITALITY TRIVIA

Last week we asked the question: Who was the first Filipino appointed General Manager of a 5-star international hotel chain in the country and when did this appointment take place? The answer: PERFECTO F QUICHO, appointed GM of the Hyatt Regency Manila in 1984. Mr Q remained GM until 1992 when then newly elected President FIDEL V RAMOS appointed him Director of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and Presidential Adviser on Metropolitan Manila Affairs, positions he kept until 1998. Mr Q is a major owner of Dream Bar @6750 (formerly Giraffe). Congratulations to MARY KATHLEEN BAYQUIN PICHAY, Corporate Sales Manager of the Island Cove Resort & Leisure Park in Cavite for emailing the correct answer. You won an overnight accommodation and breakfast for 2 at the super romantic get-away 7 Suites in Antipolo.

Now for our trivia question for the week – If Mr Quicho was the first Filipino GM, who was the first Filipino Resident Manager of an international 5-star hotel chain? The first right email response will receive a gift check from one of our member establishments, send your answers to: hospitality@eastern.com.ph

(Vic Alcuaz is President of HotelStaff Philippines, a hospitality consulting firm. He was past president of AHRM and a current member. He may be reached via email: vicalcuaz@hotmail.com or you may browse his company website @ www.hotelstaff.com.ph)

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE
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Gung-Ho Gordon

The brash, take-no-prisoners Secretary of Tourism Richard Gordon faces the daunting task of selling the country. But as his colorful track record shows, he's no stranger to conflict—and might just be the right man for the job

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
Photograph by Mike Alquinto

THERE'S no sugar-coating Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon, who has variously been described as brash, belligerent, *pikon*, dauntless and passionate. He seems bent on proving most of the adjectives true at the moment.

Appraised of the cover shoot idea for this magazine—that of a typical tourist complete with straw hat, sunglasses, a Hawaiian shirt and shorts—his scowl deepens. "But that's not me! You'll make me look like a hypocrite or a politician." It's a Sunday magazine, you explain; readers expect something light and fun. "But tourism is serious business, nothing light and fun about it! *Para akong si Roco, nangangampanya.*"

There's nothing half-hearted about the guy. When fellow-Atenean and adman Jun Urbano comes in to pitch an ad material, Gordon launches into a fiery discourse about the recent UAAP game between Ateneo and La Salle. "*Yang sina* Ping Lacson, they were laughing at me because I was standing on my seat and cheering. But even if we had lost the game, nobody can say I did not participate," says this Ateneo graduate with an AB History and Government degree. "*Ang Filipino kasi,* they'll pull you down. So some people feel insecure about me and think I'm arrogant and overbearing. But what counts is who you really are."

Who he really is explains a lot about Gordon, who was born Aug. 5, 1945 in Castillejos, Zambales, a descendant of both a Filipino revolutionary and an American soldier who came with Admiral George Dewey's fleet. His great grandfather, Col. Jose Tagle, was said to have fought under Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in the Battle of Imus. One of Tagle's children, Veronica, married American soldier John Jacob Gordon of New York, who fathered James Leonard. James sired Richard and his four other siblings: Veronica, Barbara, James and Cecil.

"It was not a landholding family, but a hardworking one," Gordon stresses, explaining their prominence in Olongapo. "My parents didn't even get to finish college because of the war, so they put up several businesses." The entrepreneurial streak was something he absorbed early on. "I was in grade school when I put up a *komiks* rental shop. Later I shined shoes." He also worked as usher at the family-owned theater and as cashier in their Admiral restaurant during summer vacations. "I would bark orders to the short-order cook while manning the cash register: '*Oy,* two hamburgers, *dalawang mami at pancit guisado!*"

The businessman was also an activist, Gordon says of his father. "He benefited from the Americans but he also exposed their shenanigans," he says, adding that the older Gordon fought to make Olongapo an independent city. It was then a municipality under an American lieutenant general in Subic. James Leonard Gordon became the first elected mayor of Olongapo in1963. Says his son, who was a college freshman then: "My father was not afraid to make enemies of local politicians who were in cahoots with the police in running gambling, prostitution and smuggling syndicates. When he toured the provinces, they would hack at his car."

Worse was to come. After surviving two attempts on his life, James Gordon was shot dead by gunmen on Feb. 20, 1967. "He was brought to the provincial hospital but there were no facilities because the governor stole them all. My father expired at the Subic hospital," Gordon recounts. The killers, who turned out to be escaped prisoners from Muntinlupa, escaped on board a tricycle. One of the killers, along with the chief of police, was arrested. The gunman named several high-ranking officials of Olongapo and Zambales as the brains behind the assassination. Gordon's mother, Amelia Gordon, ran in the next election and won by a landslide.

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By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
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THERE'S no sugar-coating Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon, who has variously been described as brash, belligerent, *pikon*, dauntless and passionate. He seems bent on proving most of the adjectives true at the moment.

Appraised of the cover shoot idea for this magazine—that of a typical tourist complete with straw hat, sunglasses, a Hawaiian shirt and shorts—his scowl deepens. "But that's not me! You'll make me look like a hypocrite or a politician." It's a Sunday magazine, you explain; readers expect something light and fun. "But tourism is serious business, nothing light and fun about it! *Para akong si Roco, nangangampanya.*"

There's nothing half-hearted about the guy. When fellow-Atenean and adman Jun Urbano comes in to pitch an ad material, Gordon launches into a fiery discourse about the recent UAAP game between Ateneo and La Salle. "*Yang sina* Ping Lacson, they were laughing at me because I was standing on my seat and cheering. But even if we had lost the game, nobody can say I did not participate," says this Ateneo graduate with an AB History and Government degree. "*Ang* Filipino *kasi*, they'll pull you down. So some people feel insecure about me and think I'm arrogant and overbearing. But what counts is who you really are."

Who he really is explains a lot about Gordon, who was born Aug. 5, 1945 in Castillejos, Zambales, a descendant of both a Filipino revolutionary and an American soldier who came with Admiral George Dewey's fleet. His great grandfather, Col. Jose Tagle, was said to have fought under Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in the Battle of Imus. One of Tagle's children, Veronica, married American soldier John Jacob Gordon of New York, who fathered James Leonard. James sired Richard and his four other siblings: Veronica, Barbara, James and Cecil.

"It was not a landholding family, but a hardworking one," Gordon stresses, explaining their prominence in Olongapo. "My parents didn't even get to finish college because of the war, so they put up several businesses." The entrepreneurial streak was something he absorbed early on. "I was in grade school when I put up a *komiks* rental shop. Later I shined shoes." He also worked as usher at the family-owned theater and as cashier in their Admiral restaurant during summer vacations. "I would bark orders to the short-order cook while manning the cash register: '*Oy,* two hamburgers, *dalawang mami at pancit guisado!*"

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and we learned the word *p--a* from your country!' "

He's not about to justify the presence of the bases either, he continues hotly. "I don't need to rationalize because it's based on solid ground. I was the mayor of a city that hosted the bases as well as a lot of people from other places who went there to work. The root cause of prostitution is not the bases but poverty. Prostitution is everywhere in this country. It's an argument used by so-called ultra-nationalists to bring up the issue of sovereignty. But look at Japan, it has bases, and so do Germany and England. The trouble is, we don't know how to take advantage of this kind of relationship. I had always argued for trade, not aid.

"So it's not a question of sovereignty at all. Our problem is that we think like victims. The bases created jobs. When the bases left, it was P19 to a dollar, now it's P52 plus and it hasn't even been 10 years since we kicked out the Americans. The truth is, there are alliances in the world that you must allow yourself. All these people are arguing from the point of pride. But pride is not given, it is earned—by hard work, by vision, by consistency."

Gordon had a chance to live those words when Pinatubo erupted in 1991 and buried Olongapo in ashes. The Americans left the following year, chased out by both the volcano and the uncompromising "No" vote of 12 senators who refused to extend the bases' lease. "My whole upbringing from my parents and my education is, I should fix the problem, I should not fix the blame," says Gordon who, as administrator of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), transformed the former naval base into a bustling free port almost overnight. By November 1996, Subic has become a hub of tourism with one of the most preserved jungles in the country, an economic miracle that it showed off to the world by hosting 18 heads of state for the Asia Pacific Economic Conference (APEC). Gordon will not claim full credit however: "I didn't turn Subic around, it was the volunteers who did it."

But neither would he accept responsibility for what some quarters describe as human rights violations in the run-up to Subic as boom town. Asked about alleged union-busting, the blacklisting of workers and extortion from some investors, Gordon turns ballistic. "Like how? Give me specific names, who did I blacklist? Nobody ever got blacklisted. Who's your source?" Informed that the People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation, Inc. (Preda) Foundation, which helps out prostitutes and streetchildren, has a website where the charges are listed, he relaxes visibly. "Oh, it's just that priest," he says of the man behind Preda, Fr. Shay Cullen, who, Gordon alleges, just wants to picture himself as being oppressed. "Well, after all, you don't fight a priest in this country. So I don't mind him. I'm the one official that people fought for."

Indeed, who can forget the newsclips of thousands of Subic volunteers blocking former President Estrada's men from taking over the SBMA office shortly after Erap replaced Gordon with his choice, Felicito Payumo? Gordon, the Estrada camp alleged, did not allow the former movie actor to enter Olongapo when the latter was campaigning for the presidency. It was payback time.

That's not true, Gordon growls of this version of the incident. "How can I do that in this transparent nation? Something like that would have come out very big. Erap was always ahead of the surveys. Don't you think I know that? He got mad because when he visited us after Pinatubo and I was speaking, he threw a cigarette butt on the ground. I picked it up while continuing with my speech, adding that 'Despite Pinatubo, we still maintain our cleanliness and sanitation in Olongapo.' *Ayun*, he felt humiliated in front of his wife and entourage, and he never forgot it."

Gordon may have created enemies with his headstrong ways—certainly anomalous in Philippine culture and politics, where tact, diplomacy and *pakikisama* are foremost—but his current post as Tourism Secretary is something that few would wish even on their foes. Just how does one sell a country that has of late been known for its kidnappings, the Abu Sayyaf bandits, mall bombings and, thanks to alleged local Al Qaeda links, for being a terrorist target in this part of the world?

"You talk of our image to the world," Gordon responds with deliberate calm. "What could be worse than the image of two airplanes going through the World Trade Center? Or the athletes in the Munich Olympics being killed by terrorists? Or the Japanese suffocating in the train from poison gas? All these countries have their problem about image, same as we do. So what's my answer to detractors? 'We are fixing the problem!' The trouble is, we're not getting that message across. That's why the Filipino people are getting their money's worth with me because I go all out. Whatever the time, wherever, I'll go talk to anyone and say, hey, the Philippines is good."

How good?

"Well, we are Asia's most accessible beach capital, we're the diving capital of the world. Our theme, 'WOW Philippines' says it all: Wealth of Wonders over our sunken ships, corals and reefs. Women of Wonder for Cory, GMA and Lea Salonga. Walk Our Walls, Watch Our Whales, Wild Over Water, Wacko Over Wildlife, Warm Over Winter, Workers of Worth for our honest janitors and cab drivers who return found valuables, and so on."

So far, says this incoming chair of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) who was elected in absentia, the campaign is working, as have the ads over CNN and BBC. Tourism figures are up 10.4 percent from last year as of May, and still climbing, he claims. The top destinations remain Boracay, Manila and Cebu, while the top arrivals are from the US, including *balikbayans*, the Japanese, Koreans and Chinese. Things should look even better next year, which has been endorsed as the Visit the Philippines year by the World Tourism Organization, adds Gordon.

All it takes, he continues, is "a change of attitude and a culture of tourism." Says this 1983 TOYM awardee for Public Administration: "We have to tell the public they have a stake in tourism because it would mean jobs. We'll protect the dive sites and the reefs because it's our bread and butter. We have to transform ourselves and show tourists that we have self-worth. For instance, in our tourism posters, we've included pictures and numbers of local mayors because they're accountable to the people and the tourists in their areas. We also rely on volunteers. Why should it be only me selling the country? Why not you?"

As for domestic tourism, "It's always a deal," says Gordon. "The average Filipino would say, it's too expensive, it's inaccessible, etc. That's why we have all these tour packages. People in other countries, they plan and save up for a vacation. Well, we can do the same. What's wrong with taking a vacation?"

To encourage Filipinos to tour their own country, the government has so far moved nonworking holidays to a Monday, "so that the family can have a longer weekend." And in the summer, Gordon adds, government workers can take off on the eight Mondays of the two-month school vacation "as long as they're willing to work two extra hours a day."

For all the gung-ho enthusiasm, Gordon admits to having last enjoyed a family vacation some 20 years ago at Punta Baluarte when his children were young. Now his two girls and two boys are all grown up: Marnie, 31; Ali, 28; LJ, 27, and Brian, 24.

Still, he gets to see a lot of the country through his post, and claims to like it all, including Kidapawan and Basilan."It's a mystery to me how people can be so mean and go to war in such beautiful places." He is, he adds, supporting the plan of the Alano family to develop Basilan into a tourist spot known for its white sand and tropical waters. It might even entice the Abu Sayyaf bandits to work in the planned resort, he says.

The job may have its perks, but the price can be too steep at times, Gordon admits. "It's hard. My wife Kate wants to go to Manila, I want to go back to Olongapo. We want to be together but I can only go home once a month because there are so many things to do. It's hard going home to an empty bed."

It's been a good marriage from all indications. Gordon's wife Katherine Esteban Howell, who took over as Olongapo mayor in 1995, is the daughter of a US Navyman. The man left her mother, who forthwith went into business to raise her children by her lonesome. Early in their marriage, Gordon would look for Kate's father and engineer their reunion in the US.

"We were always neighbors," Kate says of her husband. In a photo taken during her second birthday party, there was five-year-old Dick in the foreground. But it was a match made in political hell, as the two families supported different candidates. The lovers had to go on secret dates until Kate was 18 and Gordon formally asked leave to visit her at home.

These days, the couple nurtures their relationship with the much-valued luxury of watching an occasional movie or VCD at home. Whatever free time remains Gordon spends on a treadmill or buried in a book, currently "Secrets and Spies," a Reader's Digest compilation that he enjoys inside the bathroom. He has invested much in a hierarchy of values, says Gordon, which, he says, goes by the acronym *"Di Ka Ba Kakasa?*—for *Diyos, kalikasan, bayan, kapwa, kadugo, sarili.* (God, nature, country, others, compatriot, self.)"

Alas, there is yet no easy mnemonic device for his uncharted political future. Or so Gordon claims. Despite widespread speculations, he denies he is running for the presidency in 2004. "I fear succumbing to a system where you owe people favors. I want to live transparently. I value my freedom to say no," he hems and haws. Finally, he says, "I'll cross the bridge when I get there."

Father figures: James with a young Dick, left; Dick with Aeta child during Pinatubo rescue mission

Wild Over Water

White-water rafting in Mambuaya River, Cagayan de Oro with Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon.

Against the tide: Whitewater rafting, as promoted by DOT posters, features Gordon and GMA

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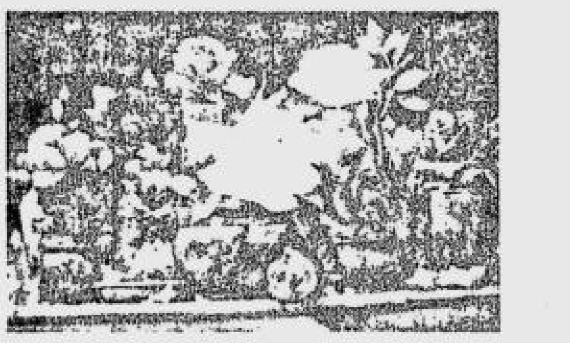

Cruz's Blooms
"Roses Full"(watercolor, 2002) is part of the still life exhibit by Cris Cruz at Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall until Oct. 22. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

A Dream in the City

The friendly road to summer camp
The sugar canes' scent in the air
The slanting sun like yellow lamp
Are here to meet this deserter

Bathers in an indigo tourist bus
Talk about tropic topics
And they *ceteris paribus*
Hum an Elvis' song for the kicks.

Always time is of the essence
All of its games for the seizure
Had it as country experience
Never knew I lost a treasure.

I find still standing my beloved tree
Listen to the *parabasis*
On the beach I read on my knee
Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises.*

Jun Cañizares

Pananatili

Tumatawag na noon ang buwan.
Ngunit kung kailan umaapaw
Sa yaman ang laot at wari ko'y

marahang hinahagkan ng alon
ang aking mga paa; saka ko
naman nadama itong pagsuway:

Naaninag kitang papalapit,
bitbit ay gasera at naiwang
tuwalya. Hindi ka na umabot

sa bangka. Tayo ay nagniig at
gumulong-gulong sa buhanginan
ang mga ungol. Nagkahugis sa

iyong pag-alon ang di maukit
sa tubig ng aking sagwan: Mahal,
ikaw ang pumupuno sa lambat,

hindi ang dagat na bawat araw,
iyong dinadasalan na sana
ako ay payagang makauwi.

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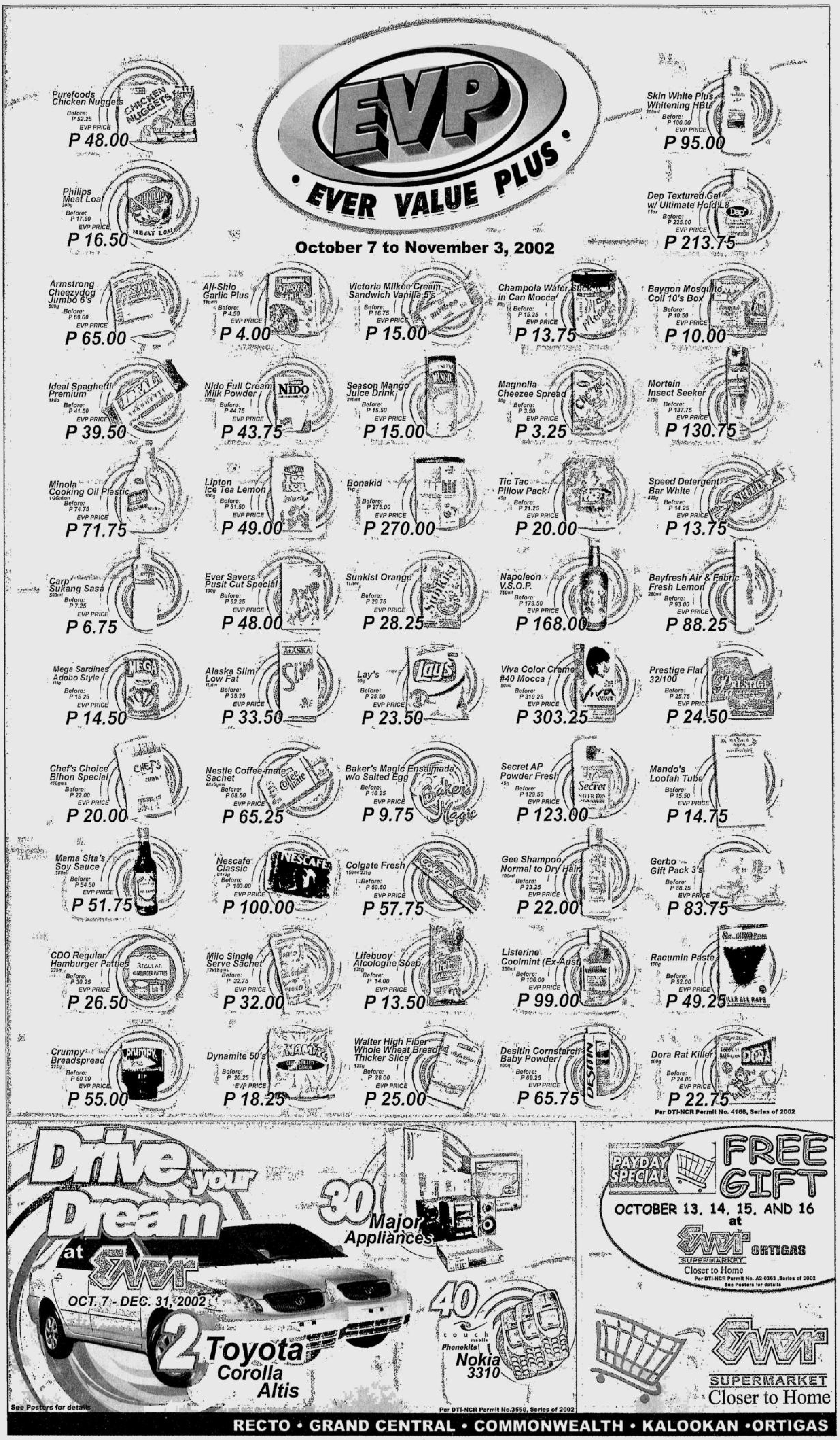

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Skin White Plus Whitening HBL	200ml	P 100.00	P 95.00
Dep Textured Gel w/ Ultimate Hold L8	12oz	P 225.00	P 213.75
Armstrong Cheezydog Jumbo 6's	500g	P 69.00	P 65.00
Aji-Shio Garlic Plus	11gms	P 4.50	P 4.00
Victoria Milkee Cream Sandwich Vanilla 5's		P 16.75	P 15.00
Champola Wafer Stick in Can Mocca	80g	P 15.25	P 13.75
Baygon Mosquito Coil 10's Box		P 10.50	P 10.00
Ideal Spaghetti Premium	1kilo	P 41.50	P 39.50
Nido Full Cream Milk Powder	200g	P 44.75	P 43.75
Season Mango Juice Drink	240ml	P 15.50	P 15.00
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For A Cause

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Practicing what they preach: Angeli and Gary with daughter Kiana

The Performance of their Lives

NE of the sweetest moments of Gary Valenciano's life as a father took place early this year when, at a sportsfest at his sons' school, his sons, Paolo and Gabriel, and Gary himself all won gold medals at different racing events on the same day. Gary still beams proudly when he recalls this, and says, "When will this ever happen again? In 10 years you can't look back and say, '*E kasi* I had a show.'"

Few people even within showbiz understand what committed, hands-on parents Gary and wife Angeli are. Gary points out that, however thriving his career may look now, it could be even busier with concert bookings, guest appearances and performances, were it not for the couple's deliberate decision to spend as much time as possible with their children, Paolo 17, Gabriel, 15, and Kiana, 9. The decision has led to some tough and possibly professionally risky choices. For Gary, that means turning down regular Sunday variety shows, for one. "We said no because we felt it would really eat up our Sundays," says Angeli. Adds Gary, "If I have a show I ask if I can go late, like at 10 or 10:30 p.m. especially if I have only one song, so I can put the kids to bed." And there's the US show in November, says Angeli. "So many states wanted him for additional shows, but we made this ruling that we won't go beyond two weeks without seeing the kids."

Surprisingly it is Gary who spends more time with the children, since he works in his music room at home during the day. He checks their homework, makes sure they study on exam week and has dinner with them. When Angeli is busy at the office she arranges for Kiana to come and do her homework in the office. Several times a week, Gary and Angeli hold devotionals with their children when they read to them the Bible or inspirational stories.

This is a cuddly family. Kiana wraps herself around her mother, and Gary instantly puts his arm around Gabriel when he arrives for the photo shoot.

Like typical parents, Gary and Angeli are bursting with stories about their kids. Paolo, last seen in the Trumpets' production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," is the serious introvert who occasionally flashes a funny side, reveals Angeli. Gabriel, his dad says, is the Pied Piper who loves to be surrounded by children, is a born dancer and is an excellent basketball player. Kiana, who won the Awit Award in 2000 when she was six for her recording of a Christmas song composed by Gary, already performs before live audiences.

Both parents take turns being disciplinarian and coddler. They admit to using physical punishment and claim it works. Angeli points out, "There are so many verses in the Bible that say spare the rod and spoil the child." Gary adds that he is careful to explain himself every time he reprimands his children. They also do not hesitate to apologize to the children if they have been wrong. They're not ashamed to share with the children the mistakes they've made in their own lives.

Being in showbiz make Gary and Angeli aware of the many temptations that swarm around their children. Angeli says, "The most important thing is we have given them the word of God. We feel we have done our part." She recalls the criticism she faced when she and Gary gave Paolo his first car on his 17th birthday. She says, "We said we just have to trust him. With freedom comes responsibility." Paolo has a 2 a.m. curfew, while Gabriel has to be home by midnight but they text their parents if they will be late. Angeli jokes, "That's why the cell phone is a mother's best friend."

Although they can obviously afford the status symbols of the moment, Angeli and Gary are careful to steer their children away from a materialistic lifestyle. When Gabriel asked for a video game that cost P2,500, Angeli made him realize that the price was comparable to the salary of a *yaya*. She was also able to persuade Kiana to give away 20 of her 30 Barbie dolls.

Gary encourages Paolo and Gabriel to make friends with different girls rather than have one specific girlfriend at such a young age. He recalls telling Gabriel, "Even at this moment God is preparing a girl who goes beyond your dreams. What you have to do is to prepare yourself for that moment so that when she sees you, she'll know you, just as you will know that you were meant for each other." Angeli admits that when Paolo first confided that he had a girlfriend, she was surprised at how jealous she felt, until friends told her that this was a normal reaction of a mother. She quips, "I don't know how Gary will react when Kiana has a boyfriend."

Like other kids, Paolo, Gabriel and Kiana show flashes of rebelliousness. Angeli recalls how Gabriel once refused to do a dance number with his father in a concert. "We taught him that there are consequences when you rebel. So he wasn't able to dance, and was miserable the whole night," she adds.

The most important lesson that the couple teach their children is to seek God first in all things. Gary says, "They must fight the good fight. Not only will their chances of survival be better but they will also be able to influence others." Gary and Angeli have shown how seriously they take their parenting beliefs by endorsing and participating in the Philippine Parenting Convention, which will be held from October 26 to 29 at the NBC Tent at The Fort. Gary will be performing, while Angeli is organizing the participation of talents from her Manila Genesis Management and Entertainment Inc.

To Gary and Angeli, parenting is not like a guest appearance; it is a fulltime commitment, challenging them to give the best performances of their lives. ⊡

WEEK 7
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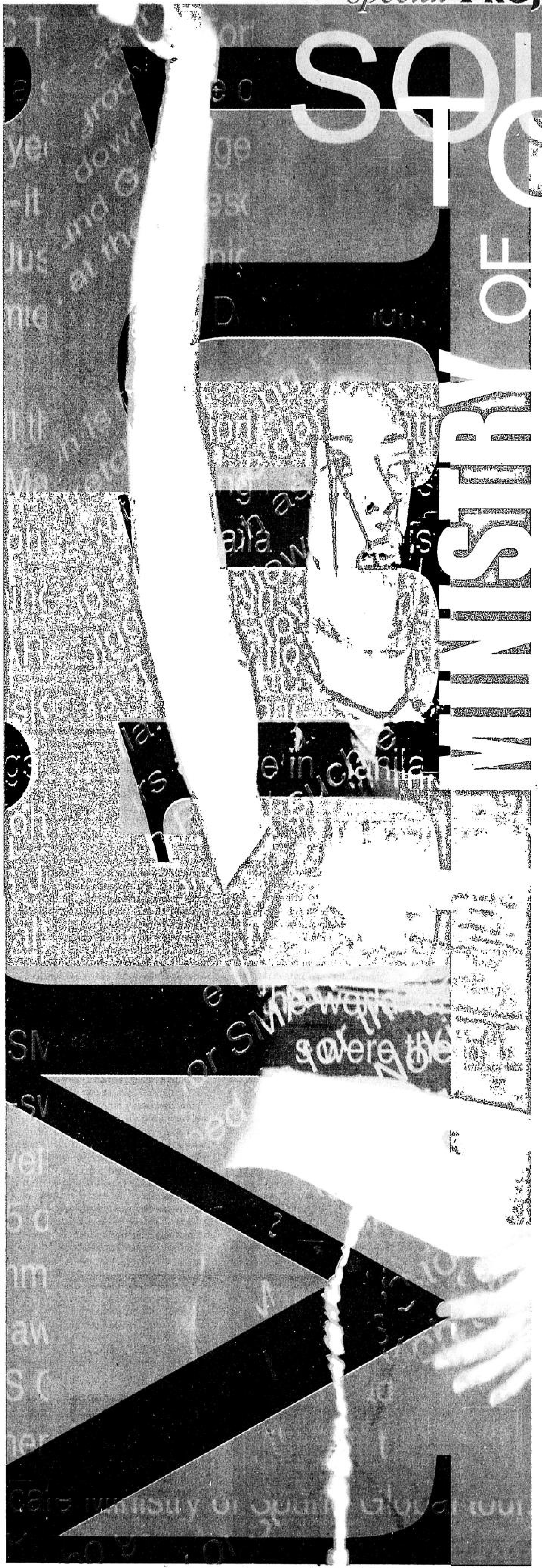

SMART at the Nescafe Ministry of Sound Global Tour —Absolutely Mental!

It was da bomb...and it was expected. Last October 5, the NBC Tent at the Fort Bonifacio Global City was transformed into a steamhouse of hot pulsating dance grooves. People swayed, they hugged, some even broke down with tears of joy—it was the Nescafe Ministry of Sound Global Tour after all. Just a typical night when the man at the decks is one of its premiere talents, DJ Andy Morris.

All that undulation and adulation is typical in this world tour, the Manila leg being the home stretch before a bang-up finale in Koh Sa Mui, Thailand. That is without saying that Manila is coming into its own in becoming a bonafide dance capital. SMART had already flown in biggies such as Chicane, Slinky, GodsKitchen, and Space Ibiza. This Halloween, SMART brings you Cream live in Manila. "This town is where Sydney or Koh Sa Mui was a few years ago and it's catching up fast," says JG, an impressed British Raver, and one of a growing global tribe that travels the world for such events.

SMART subscribers were the privileged lot at this bash. SIM-swappers who went for SMART Buddy got free entrance as well as those who signed up for the SMART Gold Plan 2665 or higher plus a free SMART Nokia 7650, 8910, or 9210I Communicator. There were also SMART promos and giveaways, the SMART MOS Trivia game got winners free MOS CDs and tickets all leading to a Grand Draw—two lucky winners who get to go to that Koh Sa Mui windup of the Nescafe Ministry of Sound Global tour. Lucky Subs!

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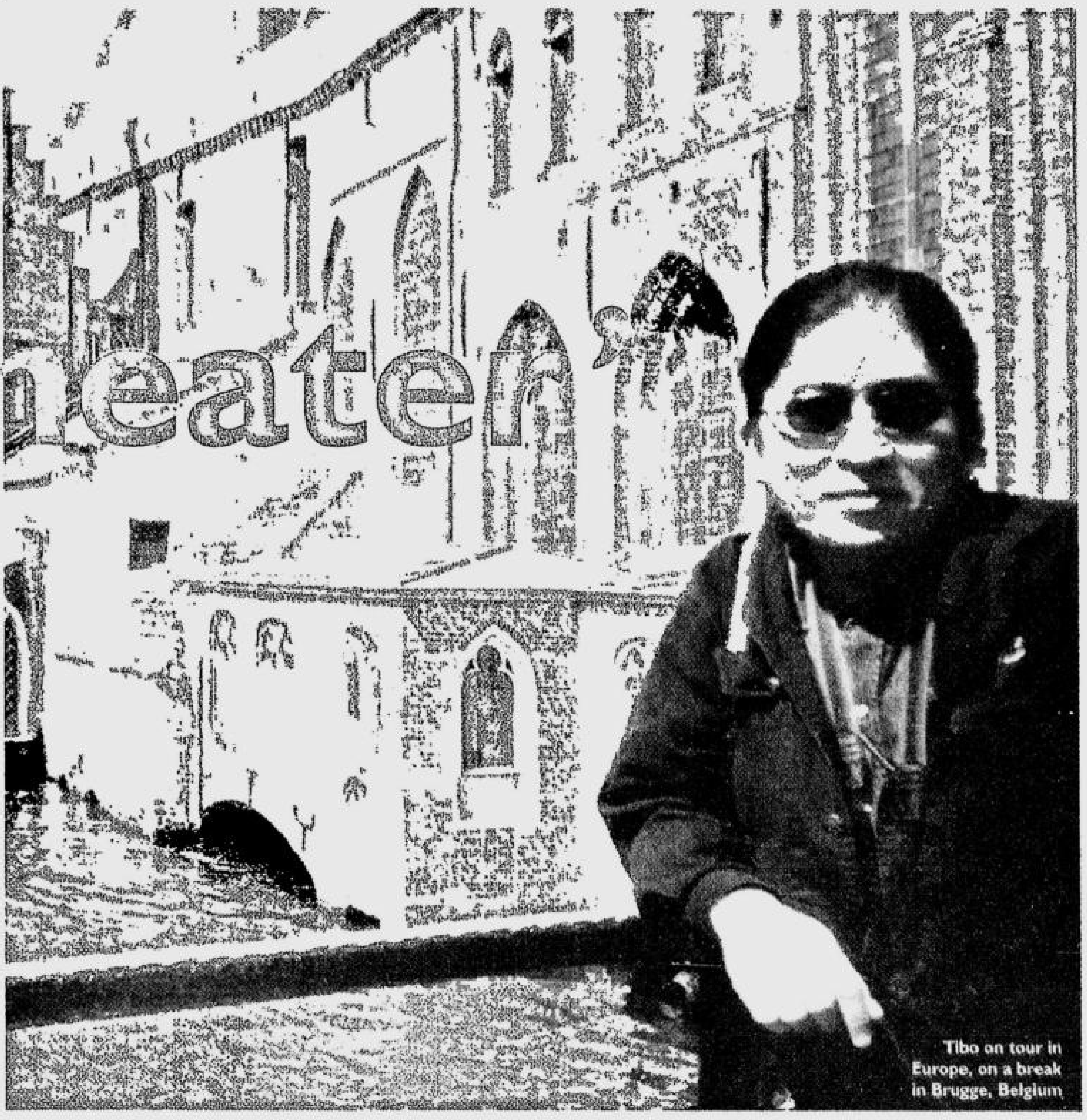
Onstage
By Michele T. Logarta

Mindanao's 'Mr. Theater'



Tibo on tour in Europe, on a break in Brugge, Belgium

Thanks to talent, tenacity and a boost from the Cultural Center of the Philippines, this Iligan-based artist has taken the theater forms of Mindanao all over the world

STEVEN P.C. Fernandez has been called Mindanao's man for all seasons, a renaissance man, the grand young man of Southern Philippine Theater and, by the late writer Doreen G. Fernandez, Mr. Theater himself. But, truth is, he'd much rather be called just "Tibo."

Tibo Fernandez is the moving spirit behind the Integrated Performing Arts Guild (IPAG), one of the country's leading performing groups and definitely one of the best in Mindanao. Under Tibo's guidance, IPAG, a resident company of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology in Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, has won various national awards and endowments from national institutions like the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Commission on Culture and the Arts. Tibo Fernandez is one of the CCP's most active partners in the southern region of the Philippines.

Tibo has more than 50 productions to his credit as a director, performing artist, composer, musician and playwright. He is also a scholar, animateur, comic artist, and graphic artist. More than anything, he is a raconteur, a storyteller at heart. He weaves his narratives using dance to tell his stories to an audience. (IPAG is known for its signature dance theater format based on the *pangalay*, a dance idiom from the Sulu Archipelago.) Tibo's work about a local hero, "*Ranaw: Isang Alamat*," won the CCP Playwriting Award in 1985 and, in 1987 and 1988, as a grantee of the CCP, was toured extensively around the country. "*Ranaw: Isang Alamat*" is an epic depicting the exploits of Bato Lakungan narrated in dance, music and drama. The success of "Ranaw" brought Tibo and IPAG to national attention.

A graduate of the University of the Philippines, where he completed his Master's degree in Philippine Studies, Tibo is completing his doctorate in Fine Arts at De La Salle University. The Iligan-based artist also trained in theater in the US, Sweden and China, and has led eight international tours representing the Philippines in Europe and Asia. This year, it highlighted Philippine Day in Monaco with a command performance attended by Prince Albert. Most performed of IPAG productions is Tibo's "Tales from Mindanao," a collection of dance-theater vignettes that, since its premiere at the CCP Theater Festival in 1991, continues to be retold time and again. Most recently, IPAG won the Grand Prize in the Concourse de Chanson Internationaux, and was the most awarded group of the 13th International Folklore Festival in Port Sur Saone, France.

Looking back over the past two decades, Tibo gives credit to the CCP for having been the post that propped up a large network of resources and information for IPAG. "Our close relationship with the CCP, particularly the Outreach Department, started right after the Edsa Revolution when the Center opened its doors to artists outside its traditional coterie. The tour was a success, and several other projects followed."

Tibo is also the founding chairman of the Iligan Arts Council, one of the CCP's regional partners in the promotion of art and culture. He's been acknowledged as a pillar in the cultural life of his city. "We've had a lot of important projects that dealt with the development of arts and culture in the grassroots level," Tibo says. "It was like an exchange of resources. To this day, a number of our homebred artists now work as professionals in Manila. Also, our local arts leaders and artists have been further honed by this exchange."

Tibo has been called the keeper of Iligan City's cultural flame. "Ours is an industrialized city. But, in the last seven years, things have taken a turn for the worse, particularly in the economy and in our peace and order situation. The closure of National Steel Corporation dealt Iligan a hard blow. Business slackened considerably. But local groups like IPAG keep the cultural flame alive. Call this tenacity, but we refuse to cower in mediocrity."

Tibo was one of the artists who participated in the CCP's Exchange Artists Program, which aimed to provide opportunities for region-based artists. Under this program, artists based in the regions were toured in other provinces. Today, the CCP is hoping to revive this program through its flagship Arts for the People Program.

The program aims to utilize the arts as a tool for moral transformation and national development, and includes national outreach and community projects in

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Businesswatch
By Cora Llamas

Communicator with a Conscience

THE Interactive Age just might be reversing Marshall McLuhan's famous principle: this time, it's the message that's the medium. Messages, that is, that demand an immediate response.

Database marketing, SMS (short message sending), one-to-one or e-mail marketing are the emerging new buzzwords of a competitive world out to grab the attention—and the pocketbooks—of the buying public. All of them come under one umbrella: direct marketing (DM).

"Texting is the most personal of all media," renowned marketing guru Dr. Ned Roberto cites the most potent example. "It's like selling a product one-on-one." Yet, it also reaches out to the broader spectrum normally captured by radio, TV, and print, also known as mass media. "Mass media is almost antithetical to personal media. Yet for the first time you have a medium that is both mass and personal."

His son, Ardy, an infopreneur (an entrepreneur who sells and packages information and related events), elaborates, "If you put a face on an ad that sells cosmetics, that ad will raise awareness for your product and build your corporate image." But while customers may walk into a store to buy the product, "you can't say with certainty that the person bought the product because of that ad. But in a catalog, a consumer can cut out this coupon and bring it to the company. If a thousand people buy through the coupon, you can directly correlate the two. It's the same thing with e-mail or SMS. One seminar I marketed through e-mail got 80 people in two weeks. One hamburger franchise marketed its promotions through text—and had to stop it because the promo was so successful."

Father and son will be expounding on more of these communication changes in the Second Philippine Direct Marketing Forum this November. Ardy's Salt and Light Ventures is in charge of the event, while Ned will be a guest speaker. Ardy says that the timing couldn't be more right; "Advertising agencies and multinational giants are scrambling to put up their own DM arm. The model of advertising is changing."

It has to. Technologies based on the byte and the web are affecting not just the tastes of the regular Joe and his family, but their behavior and way of thinking as well.

Ned, one of the handful of professors who allows cell phones in his class, tells his students, "If you don't want to ask questions in public, just text me. Sixteen people overcome their shyness and do so.

"Each new generation is different," the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) professor points out. The idols of this new age are the geniuses who can skillfully ride the wave of each new invention and maneuver it for the public's benefit. Parents are finding out that computer engineering and computer science have dislodged medicine and law as the most-sought-after dream jobs.

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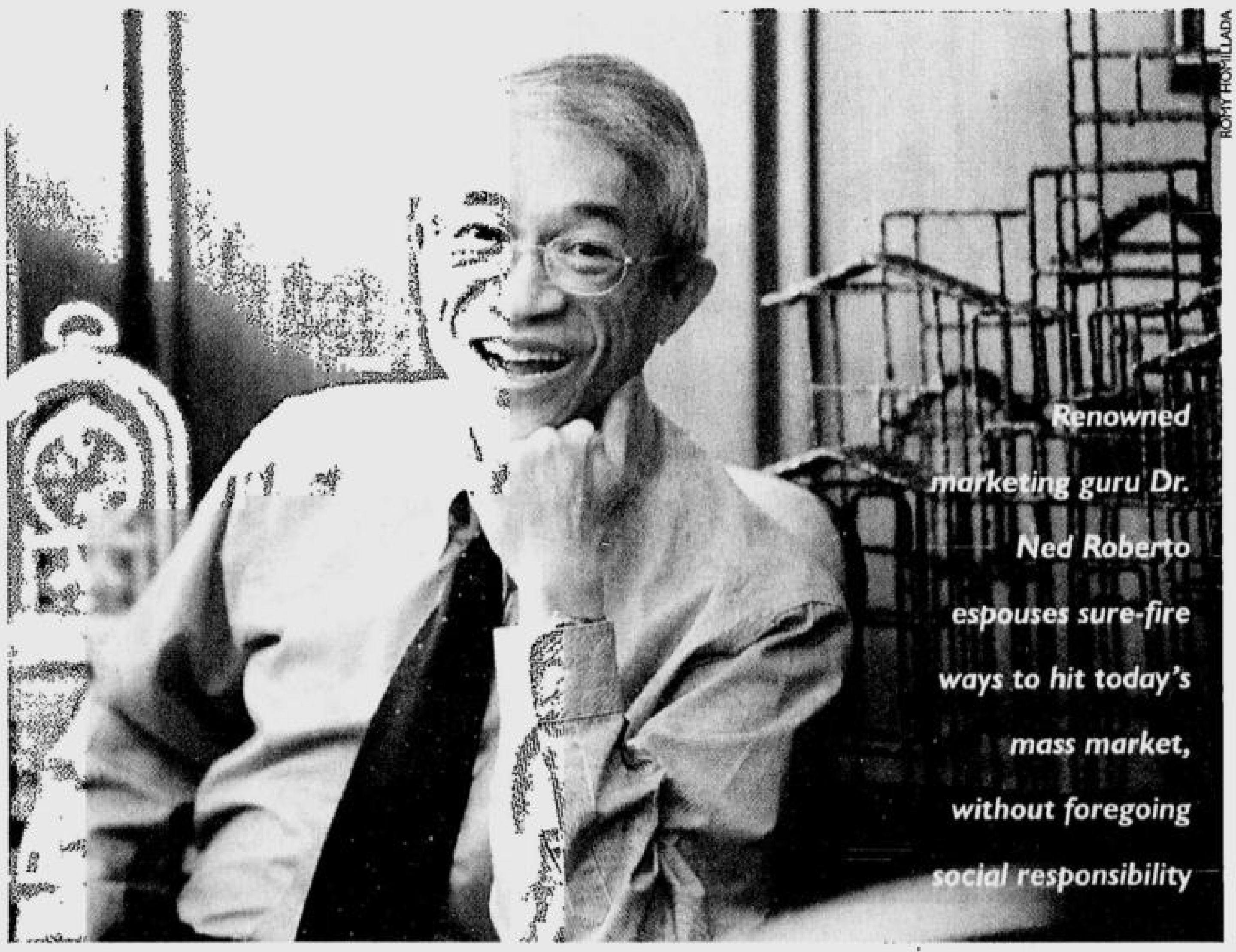

ROMY HOMILLADA

Renowned marketing guru Dr. Ned Roberto espouses sure-fire ways to hit today's mass market, without foregoing social responsibility

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This Week

Art

Men at Work, a solo exhibit by Nick Pongan featuring paintings of ordinary workers in mixed media at The Big & Small Art Co., 4/F, SM Megamall A until Oct. 15.

"Men at Work" by Nick Pongan

Works on Paper, a collection of works on paper by Roberto Robles, Ramon Diaz, Romulo Olazo, Edwin Coscolluela and Edwin Wilwayco at the Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall A until Oct. 16.

Ofelia Gelvezon-Tequi returns to the theme of games in her one-woman show at Finale Art File, LaO Centre, Makati until Oct. 17.

Mesina, an exhibit of landscape and still life depicting scenes from Baguio City by Pol A. Mesina Jr. until Oct. 18 at Surreala Cafe and Restaurant, Mother Ignacia cor. Timog Avenue, QC.

Biyahe 2, a a solo exhibit of recent drawings by PG Zoluaga at Syano Artlink, 19 Shanghai St., Better Living Subdivision, Parañaque until Oct. 30.

Big City Rubbings, a solo exhibit by June Pascal at the Ayala Museum, 3/F, Glorietta 2, Makati City until Oct. 24.

Jarque y Marco, latest series of works by Filipino painter Eugene Jarque and Spanish sculptor Miguel Marco at InterContinental Manila's Art Café until Oct. 22.

Tuesday Impressions, a group exhibit of upcoming artists Arabelle Pua, Armi Yam, Eunice Roxas, Heart Co, Ida Ching, Joy Chua, Merly Onc, Nancy See, Pacita Co and Susan Aquilino at Le Soufflé Ortigas until Oct. 31.

keep your distance, an international traveling exhibit featuring the works of Charles Jeffery (UK), Sutee Kunavichayanont (Thailand), Philippie Laleu (France), Christine Monceau (France), Marina Nuñez (Spain), Luisa Rabbia (Italy) and Kunio Sekiguchi (Japan), until Oct. 31 at the GSIS Museo ng Sining, GSIS Financial Center, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. For details, call 895-7585 or 551-1301.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage in Antipolo City is holding a **Marian exhibit** on the various images/titles of the Blessed Virgin titled Journeying with Mary until Dec. 31.

Music

Jazz For a Cause, a week-long series of jazz and fusion clinics and concerts featuring American musical institution Don Randi. Lounge dates: Oct. 14, (venue to be announced); Oct. 15, The Lobby Lounge of Edsa Shangri-La; Oct. 16, Live Station, West Avenue, QC. Clinic dates: Oct. 14, UP Abelardo Hall; Oct. 15, UST Recital Hall, Oct. 16, DLSZ Angelo King Center for the Performing Arts, Ayala Alabang. Admission to the clinics is free.

Onstage

Tanghalang Pilipino stages the well-loved children's classic, **Pinocchio**, at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute on Oct. 19 and 26 with morning and matinee performances at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The story tells of the magical adventures of our favorite wooden puppet in his quest to become a real boy. Tickets available at CCP box office and Ticketworld outlets (891-5610). For bookings and sponsorship, call 832-3661 or 832-1125 loc. 1620.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation's staging of Francisco Baltazar's ***Florante at Laura*** will have performances on Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo; then at the RFC Cinema in Alabang/Zapote Road, Las Piñas on Oct. 18, 19 and 20, and at the St. Cecilia's Theater, St. Scholastica's College, Leon Guinto, Malate on Oct. 24, 25 and 26. For tickets, call 895-8314.

Repertory Philippines' production of **Forty Carats**, a hilarious romantic comedy, goes onstage at the William J. Shaw Theatre, Shangri-La Plaza until Octo. 20. It will move to the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza in Makati Cuty from Oct. 24 to Nov. 3. For ticket reservations, call 633-4822 to 24.

Dramatis Personae's **Lesbian Diaries, Gay Memoirs**, a gender-bending mobile lounge act, runs at La Dida Bar in Ma. Orosa cor. J. Nakpil Streets, Malate every Friday at 9 p.m. Auditionees who would like to act out their own personal experiences onstage are also welcome to audition after the performance. For details, call 721-3178 and 722-4205.

Food

Alba Restaurante Español is holding a **Spanish Regional Food Festival** until Oct. 30. The feast of tastes is offered daily buffet-style during lunch. Alaba's has branches at Bel-Air, Makati (896-6950/51) and Tomas Morato, QC (925-1912/411-7052).

Mandarin Oriental, Manila features the rich produce of Israel from Oct. 21 to 31 at the Captain's Bar with **Israel: A Culinary Potpourri**, a lunch buffet of authentic fares created by Israeli guest chefs. For inquiries, call 750-8888.

The Richmonde Hotel serves **a buffet of international cuisine** with a wide assortment of soups, salads, appetizers, sushi, pasta entrées, meat carving and desserts available for lunch from Sunday to Friday. For details, call 638-7777 ext. 3409.

Delicious **steaks and fresh seafood** grilled to perfection are the main attraction for lunch and dinner at Bocarinos of the New World Renaissance Hotel until Oct. 31. For reservations, call 811-6888 ext. 3318.

Casa Armas is hosting a **Spanish Culinary Journey Promo** with a series of nine monthly collector's postcards highlighting a particular Spanish province and dish. Bring your postcard when you visit the restaurant and get complimentary glasses of wine with every order of a platter of Cangrejos. Casa Armas has branches in Makati (tel. 897-3605) and Ortigas (687-3665).

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The UP Vargas Museum is holding a **Basic Curatorship seminar** on Oct. 19-20 and Nov. 2-3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The seminar is open to beginners in the field of museum work and provides fundamental knowledge on aspects of curatorial work. For inquiries, call 928-1927 and 920-5301 loc. 7408 before Oct. 15.

Bouncing Back from Past Mistakes, a life management seminar on Oct. 15, 16 and 17 (first batch) from 6-9 p.m. and on Oct. 27 (second batch) at the Summit Lounge, Manila Galleria Suites on ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. For inquiries, call 687-7898.

Sining Sambaydiwa-Dulaang Balintataw is holding a special **stage and screen acting workshops** from October to December. Registration will be held on Oct. 13, 19, 20 and 26 from 2-6 p.m. at the basement lobby of the DAR building, Elliptical Road, Quezon Memorial Circle, Diliman, QC. For details, call 373-1575.

Dansa Studio at 4/F, Manna II Building, 33 V. Luna Ave., Barangay Pinyahan, QC is offering **dance classes** for children and adults. Classes include stage 1 and 2 ballet, junior jazz, stage 1 jazz, stage 2 jazz, streetdance, breakdance, stretching and ballroom. For details, call 436-6175.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation's *"Florante at Laura"*

A **Hands-on Introductory Course on Polyester Resin** (figurine-making, fiberglass, stained glass, lamination, encapsulation and synthetic granite) will be held on Oct. 24-26. For details, call Polymer Products at 671-9837.

The Society of Portrait Photographers of the Philippines is conducting **photography workshops** at the CCP Audio Visual Room. Courses offered are Light Painting and Product Illustration (Oct. 19-20); Portraiture/Fashion Photography (Oct. 26-27); Wedding Photography (Nov. 16-17) and Setting Up Your Studio (Nov. 23-24). Interested participants may text 0917-3994437 and 0917-4118339 or register at Fujifilm Image Service Center, SM Megamall, Basement Building A, Studio Room.

Join Outlet Yard's *Maskara*, a Halloween mask-making contest on Oct. 27. On-site registration will start at 1 p.m. with a P100 fee. Participants must bring their own materials. For details, call 740-7221.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

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- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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Pinoy Ngat

By Jess Abrera

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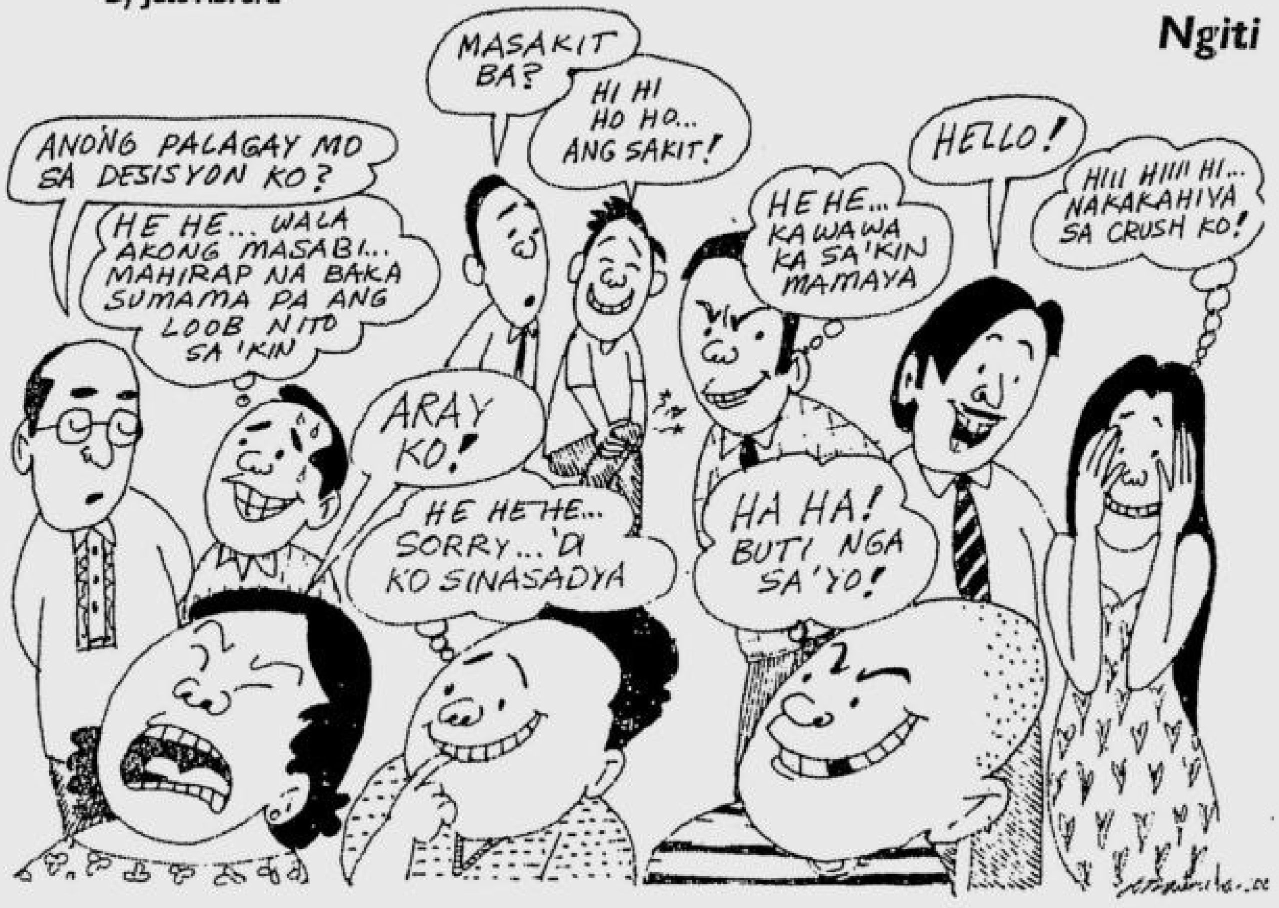
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Communicator

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Ned's own six-year-old grandson surfs the Net like a pro and helps grandpa when he does something wrong. The kid's ambition? To be an inventor of computer games. To his incredulity, another grandchild, just a year older, tunes in to the info-laden business cable show Bloomberg.

"The Bloomberg frame had four lines: speaker, the topic, quotations, and horoscopes. It had four changing images. I asked my grandson afterwards, 'What did you see?' He recired all four images down to their detail. "It wasn't like that in my generation. That's called multi-tasking," he says ruefully. "That's why I tell my clients, 'If you are after the youth, do you know their language? Have you followed them or immersed yourself in one day in their life?'"

Digging up that kind of information is the elder Roberto's forte. The man who once successfully campaigned for condoms during the conservative '70s, to the initial ire of the Catholic Women's League, is one of the country's more foremost authorities on market research. Fortune 500 companies in three continents have participated in his in-house seminars. His three books published this year have become trade best sellers.

In the course of his research, Dr. Roberto has traveled the span of Latin America, Southeast Asia, and the entire Philippines. He has spoken to people from all stripes, from the most driven senior corporate executive, the tech-savvy brand-conscious yuppie, to the belt-tightening homemaker.

In and out of the classroom, Ned is known as a jolly uncle-like figure who wouldn't be above tripping you with his jokes. But what he reveals are very sobering facts. The middle class or C market has decreased down to 10 percent of the total population in the past 30 years; these are the educated middle-to-upper managers and business people who rent apartments, pay monthly installments on their cars and future homes, and work like dogs to send their kids to prestigious colleges.

The AB elite crowd has thinned down to 1 percent; these live in plush subdivisions, take overseas vacations as a matter of course, and send their children to schools abroad (The strictly A can easily jaunt to Singapore for mere breakfast.) The DE—the blue-collar workers, under-employed, and unemployed—make up a whopping 90 percent of the total population, 70 percent of them concentrated in the urban areas.

"The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and the middle class is disappearing," he adds. "When it disappears, we turn to Marxian economics with two separate classes: the proletariat and the *burgis* in the form of a government that has the gleanings of democracy."

Some of his research examples drive home the point powerfully and painfully: One thin hotdog roasted over a candle and divided for breakfast by a family of four—"*isang tao, isang kagat*(one bite for each one)"; marketing vendors tucking away the insides of a fish because the starving buy and eat them. Then there's "*pagpag*"—beggars shaking the dirt off a half-eaten hamburger to bring it home to their kids.

"We cannot go on this way," he says sadly. One of his books delves on "social marketing," advocating positive change through corporate social responsibility. "The business sector must do something. I tell the manufacturers to produce a product specifically tailored for the DE market, to allocate only 20 percent of their research and development budget to develop food for the poor so these people can eat at least three times a day."

At least the decision-makers are listening. There is not a dry eye in the room after Ned finishes narrating one of his real-life examples.

Which tells us that marketing shouldn't only have its techie brain, flashy images, or gift of gab—it should never forget its human heart.

The 2nd Philippine DM Forum will be held on November 13 and 14 at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Call 813-2732, 813-2703 or 813-2745 for inquiries.

Mindanao's

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Tibo and his theater company in front of the Strassbourg Cathedral

depressed areas; livelihood projects for artists and cultural workers; and productions that will promote Filipino values and development projects for artists and cultural practitioners from all over the country.

Despite the recent slash in its budget this year—from P188 million to P95 million—the CCP is raising funds in order to sustain the work. This October 19, the CCP and Citigroup are presenting the New York Philharmonic, under the baton of its new music director Lorin Maazel, in a gala concert for the benefit of the Arts for the People Program. The concert features the brilliant 20-year-old Chinese pianist Lang Lang as soloist, and is part of the Philharmonic's 2002 Citigroup Asian Tour.

In the meantime, Tibo is ensuring that the art form is alive and well for the next generations; he still teaches as a Professor of Stagecraft, Drama, Literature and the Humanities at the MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology. "Image is one thing, truth is another," he says. "The arts must become accessible to the majority of our people, or it will always remain 'elitist.'"

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Join the game and you'll receive a clue about the ringtone of the day. Then download the ringtone and answer the multiple choice question. Every correct answer earns you 10 raffle entries. A total of two Logitech Digital Cameras and 30 OPM CDs will be given away in the weekly raffles.

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RINGTONES

TRACK	ARTIST	KEYWORD
• So Slow	Freestyle	**SOSLOW**
• This Time	Freestyle	**THISTYM**
• Before I Let You Go	Freestyle	**B4ILETUGO**
• Kahit Kailan	Southborder	**KAHITKAILAN**
• Love Of My Life	Southborder	**LUVMYLYF**
• Umaaraw, Umuulan	Rivermaya	**UMAARAWUMUULAN**
• Halaga	Parokya Ni Edgar	**HALAGA**
• Inuman Na	Parokya Ni Edgar	**INUMANNA**
• Okatokat	Parokya Ni Edgar	**OKATOKAT**
• Firewoman	Hungry Young Poets	**FYRWOMAN**
• Habang May Buhay	Wency Cornejo	**HABANGMYBUHAY**
• Beautiful Girl	Jose Mari Chan	**BEAUTIFULGRL**
• Please Be Careful With My Heart	Jose Mari Chan	**PLSBCAREFUL**
• Hanggang Ngayon	Regine Velasquez/ Ogie Alcasid	**HANGGANGYON**
• To Reach You	Regine Velasquez	**TOREACHU**
• Kailangan Ko'y Ikaw	Regine Velasquez	**KAILANGNKOYIKW**

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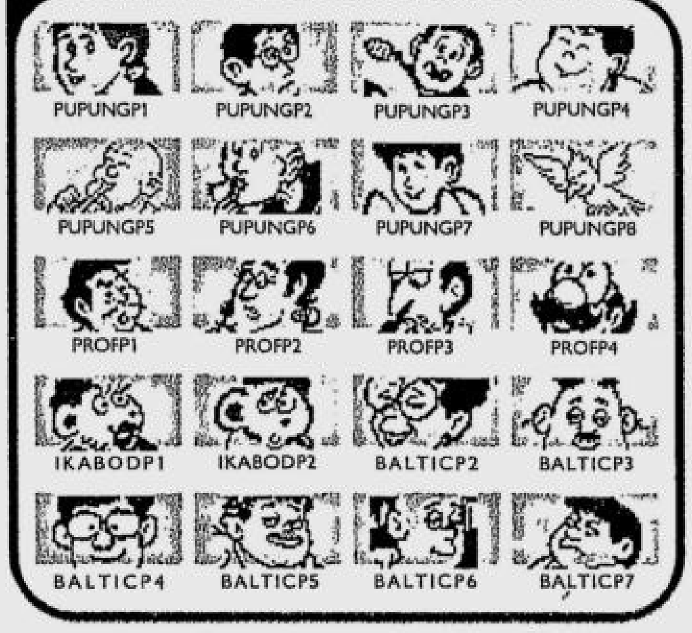
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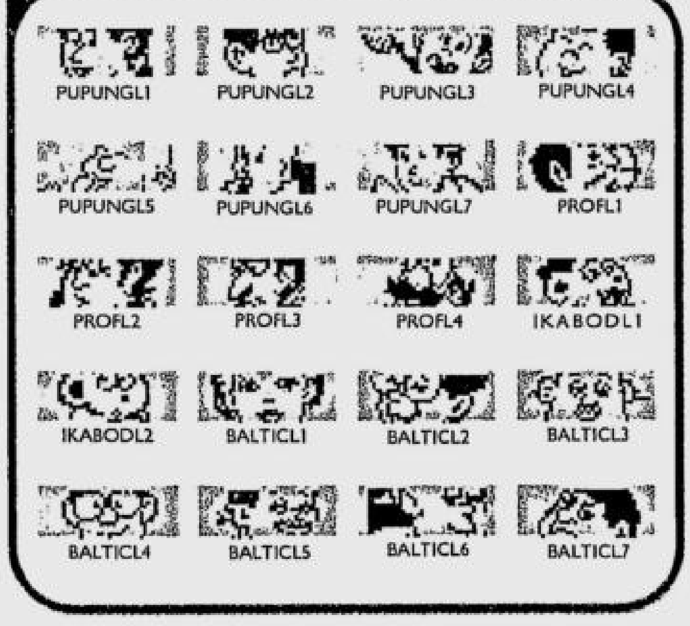
LOGOS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